

HSK 1 · Dates, Time and Event Information

Beginner numbers, dates and timetable questions; classroom examples, not official exam items.

Numbers, dates, and two magic questions

Numbers stack like blocks, dates run big-to-small, and two question words unlock every timetable.

Number blocks: 十, 一, 二, 三

- 1 **Ten plus one** 十一 (shíyī) — eleven, “ten-one”.
- 2 **Two tens** 二十 (èrshí) — twenty, “two-ten”.
- 3 **Build 23** 二十三 (èrshí sān) — “two-ten-three”.
- 4 **Try 35** 三十五 (sānshí wǔ) — “three-ten-five”. You just built it.

Decision

No new words after ten — stack the blocks.

Dates: 年 → 月 → 日/号

The biggest unit first

年 year → 月 month → 日 / 号 day; time uses 点 o'clock and 分 minute.

五月五号 (wǔ yuè wǔ hào) — month five, day five: May 5th in the big-to-small order.

几点, 星期几, 在哪里

Question	Asks	Example answer
几点 (jǐ diǎn)	Clock time	下午三点 — 3 p.m.
星期几 (xīngqī jǐ)	Day of the week	星期三 — Wednesday
在哪里 (zài nǎlǐ)	Where	在学校 — at school

Watch out: answer the unit asked

Asked 星期几?

Answer with a day: 星期三.

Asked 几点?

Answer with a clock time: 下午三点.

Check yourself

Your turn

Which pair is right? (1) Build 35 from blocks. (2) Which comes first in a date?

- A. 三五; the day
- B. 三十五; the year
- C. 三十; the year
- D. 三十五; the month