

IN TIME, ON TIME OR BY THE TIME

IN TIME/ON TIME

EXERCISE 1.

Choose the correct expression.

1. Even if we left home late we arrived at the station just in time/on time to catch the train.
2. It's strange that the show hasn't started yet, it usually starts in time/on time.

3. He's the most precise person I've ever met, he's always on time/in time and he never forgets anything.
4. John decided to cancel his flight in time/on time to get the money back.
5. Even if the train left in time/on time we didn't manage to arrive at the conference in time/on time. When we got there, Professor Johnson had already started his speech.

EXERCISE 2.

Complete the sentences using the correct form of these verbs:

Trust / confide in / insult / tell

1. Even if he _____ me that he hadn't drunk anything I didn't

- _____ him and I decided to go home by taxi.
2. She is the best friend I could ever have, I can always _____ her.
3. If I were you I _____ a word of what he says, he's a liar.
4. If I were you I _____ him, he's a big gossiper.
5. That couple made such a scene, they _____ each other in the middle of the street.
6. You can _____ me, you can _____ me all your secrets and I'll never _____ anyone about them.

7. Stop _____ her, you don't know what you are saying and you don't know how sensitive she is to criticism.
8. "To let the cat out of the bag" is an idiomatic expression that means to _____ everyone about something.

BY THE TIME

EXERCISE 1.

Rewrite the sentences using *by the time*.

e.g. I slept late this morning because I had a hangover.

By the time I woke up, it was nearly time for lunch.

1. The Dutch Olympic swimmer finished 2nd, and the Swiss swimmer finished 1st.

_____ , the Swiss man had already won the race.

2. You arrived late for our meeting this morning.

_____, I had already had coffee and
read the newspaper.

3. The one-year-old baby's language skills developed
quickly.

_____, the baby had
learned 75 words.

4. The plane was far from Rome when the passengers ate
dinner.

_____, the plane had already
travelled 1,000 km.

5. Ann got a haircut in December and when spring arrived, she needed another haircut.

_____, Ann's hair had grown quite long.

6. I called the pizzeria to order a pizza and then went to pick it up.

_____, my pizza had already been cooked.

7. Every morning I make coffee for my husband while he's in the shower.

_____ this morning, I had already prepared my husband's coffee.

8. Paul was born in 1990 and his sister was born in 1995.

_____ , Paul was already 5
years old.

9. Mr. Smith studied Chinese for 6 years and then moved to
China.

_____ , Mr. Smith had already
learned Chinese.

10. Thomas left town but we didn't know it until we found his
note.

_____ the note, Thomas had
already left.