Around the Clock

Sort times before noon and from noon on.

2.GM.3.1 "Distinguish between a.m. and p.m."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BEFORE NOON (A.M.)

Use a.m. from midnight until just before noon. Midnight is 12:00 a.m.

At 10:15 before noon, I draw a star.



NOON OR LATER (P.M.)

Use p.m. from noon until just before midnight. Noon is 12:00 p.m.

At 4:45 after noon, I build a tower.



1 SORT

8 items

Circle BEFORE or AFTER for each clock and clue, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. 

Plant seeds at 3:15 in the afternoon.

BEFORE AFTER

2. 

Eat dinner at 6:30 in the evening.

BEFORE AFTER

3. 

Eat breakfast at 7:45 in the morning.

BEFORE AFTER

4. 

Eat lunch at noon.

BEFORE AFTER

5. 

Brush my teeth at 8:15 at night.

BEFORE **AFTER**

6. 

A new day begins at midnight.

BEFORE **AFTER**

7. 

Go to bed at 9:00 at night.

BEFORE **AFTER**

8. 

Walk to school at 8:30 in the morning.

BEFORE **AFTER**

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new time and activity for BEFORE and one for AFTER, and include a clue such as morning, afternoon, or night.

BEFORE _____

AFTER _____

CHALLENGE

A clock shows 12:00 twice each day. Name both times and write a.m. or p.m. for each.

ANSWER KEY # Around the Clock

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Plant seeds at 3:15 in the afternoon. (clock 3:15)	**AFTER**	The afternoon is after noon, so this is p.m.
2	Eat dinner at 6:30 in the evening. (clock 6:30)	**AFTER**	The evening is after noon, so this is p.m.
3	Eat breakfast at 7:45 in the morning. (clock 7:45)	**BEFORE**	The morning is before noon, so this is a.m.
4	Eat lunch at noon. (clock 12:00)	**AFTER**	Noon is 12:00 p.m.
5	Brush my teeth at 8:15 at night. (clock 8:15)	**AFTER**	This time at night is after noon, so it is p.m.
6	A new day begins at midnight. (clock 12:00)	**BEFORE**	Midnight is 12:00 a.m.
7	Go to bed at 9:00 at night. (clock 9:00)	**AFTER**	This time at night is after noon, so it is p.m.
8	Walk to school at 8:30 in the morning. (clock 8:30)	**BEFORE**	The morning is before noon, so this is a.m.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **BEFORE**: At 9:30 in the morning, I paint a picture.
- **AFTER**: At 5:45 in the afternoon, I visit a friend.

Challenge: Midnight is 12:00 a.m. Noon is 12:00 p.m.

For Part 2, accept explanations that use the clue and the noon rule. For example, item 6 is BEFORE because midnight begins a.m., while item 4 is AFTER because noon begins p.m.