



Lesson 188

it is time

It's time to go home.

We use **it is time** to show that the right time to do something has come.
For example: *It's time to finish for today.*

When we put a *subject* after the expression **it is time**, we must follow it with *the past tense*. For example: *It's time we went home.*

Note that we can add the word **high** to emphasise the fact that it's a little late. For example: *It's high time we went home.*

When do we use the expression 'it is time'?

We use the expression 'it is time' to show that the right time to do something has come.

Why do we sometimes add the word 'high'?

We sometimes add the word 'high' to emphasise the fact that it's a little late.

Is it time we finished the lesson?

Yes, **it's time** we finished the lesson.
or: No, **it isn't time** we finished ...

Is it high time people took more care of the environment?

Yes, **it's high time** people took more care of the environment.

Who is it high time we visited when we've got a toothache?

It's high time we visited a dentist when we've got a toothache.

Is it time for you to buy new shoes?

Yes, **it's time** for me to buy new shoes.
or: No, **it isn't time** for me to buy ...

Please finish the sentences.

It's time for you to ...

It's time for me to go on holiday.

It's time for her to ...

It's time for her to start learning.

It's time the headmaster ...

It's time the headmaster did something about the PE classes.

It's high time we ...

It's high time we had a break.

It's time to ...

It's time to study English.

It's high time they ...

It's high time they found a better-paid job.