SPARK: Simple Play Adaptations to Reference for Kids

Time Timer 8 Inch

Materials: This 60-minute 7.5 inches x 1.25 inches x 7.5 inches visual timer visual learning clock can help children to stay on task and assist with organization and concentration. As time elapses, red disk disappears showing time remaining to help ease transitions between activities and encourages independence and productivity.
Requires 2 AA batteries
Users Manual
Users Manual pdf

Image:



Purchasing Information
Demo Video

Who Might Benefit?
Those who…
- Have difficulty transitioning to new activities.
- Need a visual representation of the passage of time to stay on task.
- Are motivated by being able to see passage of time.
- Need a visual representation of their schedule to complete each task.

Why Use?
Provides an opportunity to…
- Understand the passage of time or time remaining for the completion of tasks.
- Prepare for transitions to new activities.
- Stay on task for a given amount of time.
- Improve their "personal best" completing an activity like packing up to go home.

Instructions for Use:	Adaptation Ideas:
Environmental Considerations • The Time Timer could accompany the child throughout the day in all environments if needed to support task completion. • Supporting visuals or word cards should be available to staff in the environments in which they are needed so that the Time Timer can be referenced and adjusted as activities are introduced and completed. • Consider not using the optional alarm feature for sound-sensitive environments.	**Optional Additional Materials/Supplies** • Velcro • Dycem • Shelf liner **Stabilize It** • Velcro to carpet, or place Dycem or shelf liner beneath timer to stabilize on flat surfaces (e.g. table, floor). • Velcro to vertical surface. **Simplify It**

Positioning

- The magnetic clock timer can be wall mounted or stand on a surface with foldable feet.
- The Time Timer should be displayed and referenced where the child can see it during the activities in which it is being used.
- Place on the floor to use during tasks completed in a variety of positions (on tummy, side lying, sitting, etc.)
- The Time Timer can be mounted on walls and or filing cabinets close to activity center to help structure play sequences or support self-help skills.

Basic Play/Use

- Use to set time limits on specific activities (e.g. "when the time is up, it's Deja's turn for the blocks".
- Play "Guess How Long It Will Take" to clean up, wash hands, finish lunch, etc.

Extended Play/Use

- Set time limits, encourage child to "beat the buzzer" for specific tasks or activities, and praise when that occurs.

Play/Use with Others

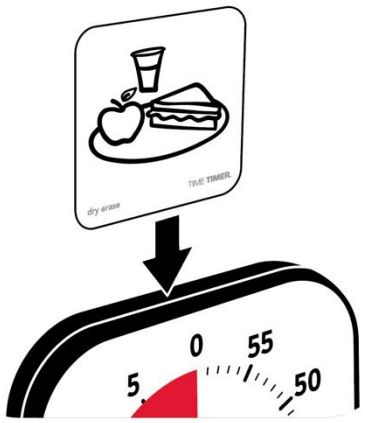
- The Time Timer can be used with an individual child or a whole group.
- Model timer during circle activities (e.g. "We will sing for five minutes").
- Break down task into smaller timed pieces.

Add Sensory Cues

- There is an optional alarm feature for sound-sensitive environments.

Communication Supports

- The Dry Erase Activity Card, included in all new 2021 and beyond models of the Time Timer® Original line-up, can be placed into the slot on the top of the timer for time-to-task management or visual schedules.



DIY Alternatives

- Check out discount or Dollar stores for inexpensive timers and DIY Timers on Pinterest.

Additional Considerations:

- Some children may find timers distracting and anxiety producing. Be sure to monitor the child's responses when using the timers.

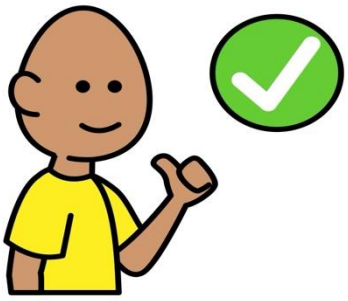
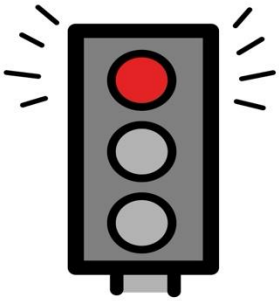
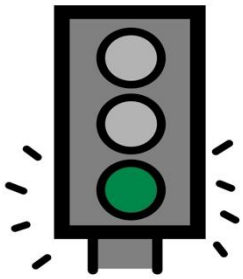
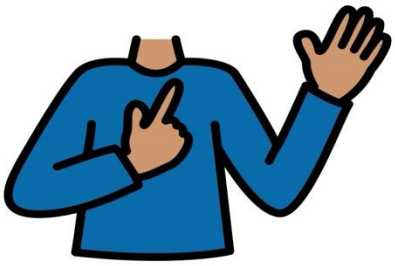
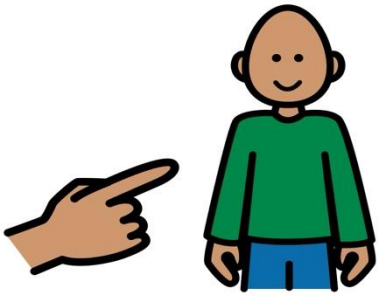
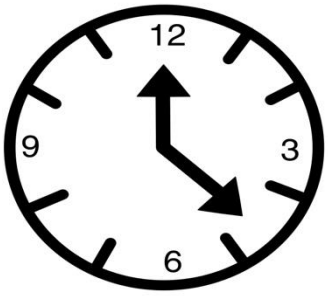
Resources:

- Visual Timers for Autism: All You Need to Know

Ohio Early Learning Standards:

- AL: Engagement and Persistence: Completes activities with increasingly complex steps. (1.b)
- AL: Engagement and Persistence: Persists in completing a task with increasing concentration. (1.c.)

Words to Encourage Play/Use

First 	Done 	Wait 
Stop 	Go 	Help 
My Turn 	Your Turn 	Time 

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