

# Times of the day

A day can be roughly divided into four parts:

aamu	morning
päivä	day
ilta	evening
yö	night

However, it is common to use more specific expressions when you want to determine when something is happening:

aamuyö	”small hours”
aamu	morning
aamupäivä	morning, forenoon
keskipäivä	midday, noon
iltapäivä	afternoon

ilta	evening
(loppu)ilta	late evening
alkuyö	early night
keskiyö	midnight
aamuyö	”small hours”

Here is some other important vocabulary:

vuorokausi	day (full circle of 24 hours)
24 tuntia	24 hours
vuorokaudenaika	time of the day

## Try by yourself!

How would you say in Finnish:

1. evening
2. night
3. morning, forenoon
4. midday

How would you say in English:

1. aamu
2. iltapäivä
3. loppuilta
4. keskiyö

Answers:

1. ilta 2. yö 3. aamupäivä 4. day  
1. morning 2. afternoon 3. late evening 4. midnight



# When? What time of the day?

Now you know the basic forms of the words, so let's learn how to use the same vocabulary to tell when something happens.

## First, let's see the four basic parts of the day.

When we add the suffix *-lla* (or *-llä*), we will get the form that answers to the question "when".

aamu	+ lla	= aamulla	in the morning
päivä	+ llä	= päivällä	in the day
ilta	+ lla	= illalla	in the evening
yö	+ llä	= yöllä	at night

And here is the same list for the full day:

aamuyö	aamuyöllä	in the small hours
aamu	aamulla	in the morning
aamupäivä	aamupäivällä	in the morning, forenoon
keskipäivä	keskipäivällä	at noon
iltapäivä	iltapäivällä	in the afternoon
ilta	illalla	in the evening
loppuilta	loppuillasta	in the late evening
alkuyö	alkuyöllä	at early night
keskiyö	keskiyöllä	at midnight
aamuyö	aamuyöllä	in the small hours

## Try by yourself!

How would you say in Finnish:

1. in the morning
2. at noon
3. in the evening
4. at night

How would you say in English:

1. aamupäivällä
2. iltapäivällä
3. loppuillasta
4. keskiyöllä

Answers:

1. aamulla. 2. (keski)päivällä. 3. illalla. 4. yöllä.  
1. in the morning / forenoon. 2. in the afternoon. 3. at early night. 4. at midnight

