



# 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.