

It . . .

A

We use **it** for time/day/distance/weather:

time



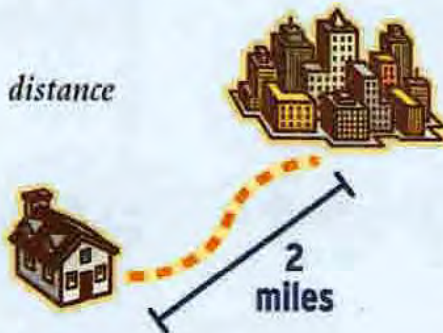
- What time is **it**?
- **It's** half past 10.
- **It's** late.
- **It's** time to go home.

day



- What day is **it**?
- **It's** Thursday.
- **It's** March 16th.
- **It** was my birthday yesterday.

distance



- **It's** two miles from our house to downtown.
- How far is **it** from New York to Los Angeles?
- **It's** a long way from here to the airport.
- We can walk home. **It** isn't far.

We use **far** in questions (**is it far?**) and negatives (**it isn't far**).
In positive sentences, we use **a long way** (**it's a long way**).

weather



- **It's** raining. **It** isn't raining. **Is** it snowing?
- **It** rains a lot here. **It** didn't rain yesterday.
Does **it** snow very often?
- **It's** warm/hot/cold/nice/cloudy/windy/sunny/clear/dry/
humid/foggy/dark, etc.
- **It's** a nice day today.

Compare **it** and **there**:

- **It rains** a lot in the winter.
It's very **rainy** in the winter.
There is a lot of rain in the winter.
- **It** was very **windy** yesterday.
There was a strong wind yesterday.

B

It's nice to . . . , etc.

It's	easy / difficult / impossible / dangerous / safe expensive / interesting / nice / wonderful / terrible, etc.	to . . .
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- **It's nice to see you again.**
- **It's impossible to understand her.**
- **It** wasn't easy **to find your house.**

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Don't forget **it**:

- **It's** raining again. (*not Is raining again*)
- **Is it** true that you're moving to Dallas? (*not Is true that . . .*)

40.1 Write about the weather in the pictures. Use *It's*



1. *It's raining.*
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
 6. _____

40.2 Write *it is (it's)* or *is it*.

1. What time *is it* ?
2. We have to go now. _____ very late.
3. _____ true that Bill can fly a helicopter?
4. "What day _____ today? Tuesday?" "No, _____ Wednesday."
5. _____ 10 kilometers from downtown to the airport.
6. _____ OK to call you at the office?
7. "Do you want to walk to the hotel?" "I don't know. How far _____?"
8. _____ Lisa's birthday today. She's 27.
9. I don't believe it! _____ impossible.

40.3 Write questions with *How far* . . . ?

1. (here / the station) *How far is it from here to the station?*
2. (the hotel / the beach) *How*
3. (New York / Washington) _____
4. (your house / the airport) _____

40.4 Write *it* or *there*.

1. The weather isn't so nice today. *It* 's cloudy.
2. *There* was a strong wind yesterday.
3. _____ 's hot in this room. Open a window.
4. _____ was a nice day yesterday. _____ was warm and sunny.
5. _____ was a storm last night. Did you hear it?
6. I was afraid because _____ was very dark.
7. _____ 's often cold here, but _____ isn't much rain.
8. _____ 's a long way from here to the nearest gas station.

40.5 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

easy	dangerous	work in this office	get up early
difficult	nice	visit different places	go out alone
impossible	interesting	see you again	make friends

1. If you go to bed late, *it's difficult to get up early* in the morning.
2. Hello, Jane. _____ . How are you?
3. _____ . There is too much noise.
4. Everybody is very nice at work. _____ .
5. I like traveling. _____ .
6. Some cities are not safe. _____ at night.