

In the Nick of Time

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:: Summary

This post explains the origin of the phrase “in the nick of time” which means “at exactly the right time.” Even though the word “nick” has many possible meanings, it is used here to mean “a small and very precise cut.” Therefore, to be in the nick of time means to come at precisely the correct time.

:: Exercises

Translate:

1. When I was a kid I liked to go to Nick's house.

2. The nick is very far from your home.

3. The movie had a nick in order to last only one hour.

4. I have to talk to you in the nick of the time that you arrive because I can't wait any longer.

:: Vocab words

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| 1. of - de | 8. shortened - reduzida |
| 2. seem - parecer | 9. small cut - pequeno corte |
| 3. odd - estranha | 10. precisely - exatamente |
| 4. several - vários | 11. coined - inventado |
| 5. meanings - significados | 12. provide - prestar |
| 6. police station - delegacia de polícia | 13. clarification - esclarecimento |
| 7. the devil - o demônio | 14. ever since - desde então |

Answers 1. Quando eu era pequeno, eu gostava de ir a casa do Nick. 2. A delegacia de polícia é muito longe da sua casa. 3. O filme teve um pequeno corte para durar apenas 1 hora. 4. Eu tenho que falar com você no momento exato que você chegar, porque eu não posso esperar mais tempo.