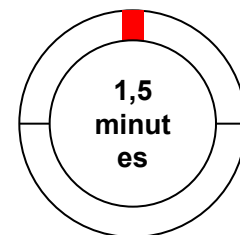


**Task 1. Imagine that you are preparing a project with your friend. You have found some interesting material for the presentation and you want to read this text to your friend. You have 1.5 minutes to read the text silently, then be ready to read it out aloud. You will not have more than 1.5 minutes to read it.**

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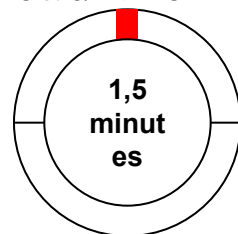
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## Now you should start reading!

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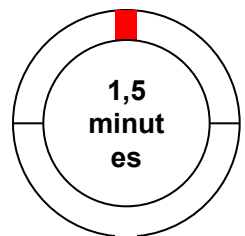


## Task 2. Study the advertisement.



**You are considering buying Smartwatch on-line and you'd like to get more information. In 1.5 minutes you are to ask five direct questions to find out the following:**

- 1) functions
- 2) possibility to pay by credit card
- 3) guarantee
- 4) time of delivery
- 5) charging



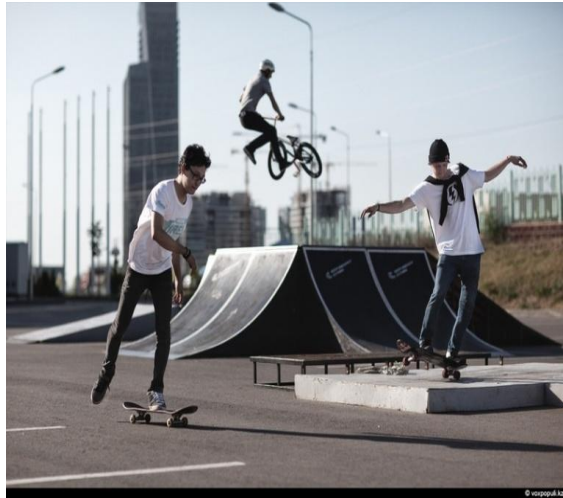
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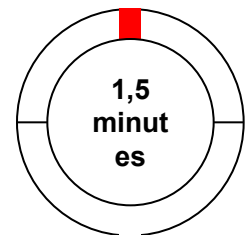


**Task 3. Imagine that these are photos from your photo album. Choose one photo to present to your friend.**



**You will have to start speaking in 1.5 minutes and will speak for not more than 2 minutes (12–15 sentences). In your talk remember to speak about:**

- where and when the photo was taken
- what/who is in the photo
- what is happening
- why you keep the photo in your album
- why you decided to show the picture to your friend



**You have to talk continuously, starting with: I've chosen photo number...**



**Start speaking with:**

**I've chosen photo number ... and click on the picture you've chosen.**

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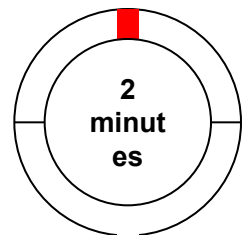
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You will speak for not more than 2 minutes



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Click!



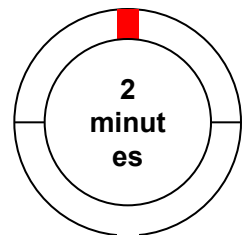
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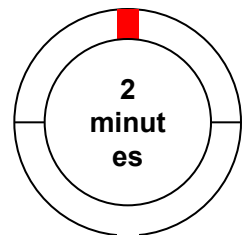
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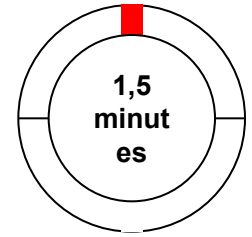


## Task 4. Study 2 photographs.

**In 1.5 minutes be ready to compare and contrast the photographs:**

- give a brief description of the photos (action, location)
- say what the pictures have in common
- say in what way the pictures are different
- say which lifestyle you like more
- explain why.

**You will speak for not more than 2 minutes (12–15 sentences). You have to talk continuously.**



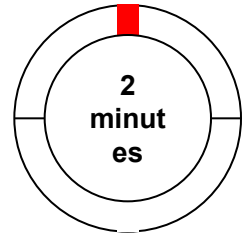


# Now you are ready to speak!

## Compare and contrast the photographs:

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**That's the end of the test**