

Converting from minutes to hours

Sometimes time is given in minutes rather than hours and minutes. For example, if you use the internet to search for details on a film you want to see, it will often give you the time in minutes.

Another example is phone cards.

Look at these minutes offered by a phone card company:

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| Hong Kong including Mobile | 200 mins |
| Indonesia | 73 mins |
| Malaysia including Mobile | 200 mins |
| Singapore | 299 mins |
| Taiwan | 87 mins |
| Turkey | 55 mins |

How many minutes of calls to Taiwan do you get?

Is it more than an hour? Is it more than 2 hours?

You get 200 minutes of calls to Hong Kong. How many hours and minutes is that?

What about Turkey?

For Taiwan you get **87 minutes of calls**. There are 60 minutes in an hour.

Two hours would be $2 \times 60 = 120$ minutes.

So 87 minutes is more than an hour but less than 2 hours. In fact if you subtract 60 from 87 you get 27 minutes. So the calls to Taiwan can take **1 hour 27 minutes**.

For Hong Kong find out how many times 60 divides into the 200 minutes.

$$3 \times 60 = 180$$

so...

$200 \div 60 = 3$ (with 20 minutes left over). So you get **3 hours and 20 minutes** to Hong Kong.

For Turkey you get **55 minutes**. This is 5 less than 60. So you get **5 minutes less than one hour** of calls to Turkey.

You could also use a number line that goes up in multiples of sixty to help:

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| Hours | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Minutes | 0 | 60 | 120 | 180 | 240 | 300 |