TIME
Lesson Sixteen

Objectives: This lesson will give you practice with time expressions—telling time, making appointments, asking for the time, etc. You will get practice with numbers, and the parts of the day.

Activities: Practice telling time, using the clock faces on page 97. Break into groups, and make appointments with each other.

Translation of Time Expressions:

Time

What time is it?
It's nine o'clock.
What time will we meet?
At half past seven.

one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, four o'clock...
twenty to ten, a quarter past eleven...

in the morning (A.M.) hour
in the evening (P.M.) minute
in the afternoon before
at midnight after
before sunrise half
at noon quarter
early in the morning sharp (exactly)
daytime almost
dawn early
sunset late

my watch, fast, slow, stopped.
TE TAI
Reirei Tebwi Ma Onoua

Time Expressions:

Te Tai

E a boo iraua?
E a boo ruaiua.
Ti na kaaitiboo n te aoa iraua?
N iteran itiuu.

Te aoa teuana, te aoa uoua, te aoa teniuu, te aoa aua...

Uabwi nakon tebwina, te kuata imwiin tebwi ma teuana...

n te ingaabong te aoa
n te tairiki te miniti
n te tanimaeaontaai nakon
n te nuukanibong imwiin
im'aain otintaai itera
n te tawanou te kuata
n te moan ingaabong raoi
te ngaina e a kaan
te kaarangaina moan taai
te bungin taai waeremwe

au tai, waekoa, e waeremwe, mate.
Additional Activities: Using the new vocabulary, construct a dialogue about an appointment, for example, where someone was late because his watch was slow or broken, setting up a new time to meet, etc.

Outside Activities: See what you can discover about the Kiribati sense of time. Are most I Kiribati punctual? Is there such a thing as 'Kiribati time'? Do most people wear watches? Is there a difference between the young and old in their way of telling time? Report your findings.