

Timetables and schedules

- MIRIAM Right then, Ati's flight gets into terminal 2 at 8.05pm.
- SAMAD The timetable says the journey time to the airport is 55 minutes, and buses leave every 48 minutes after 18:05.
- MIRIAM So which bus do we need to catch then?
- SAMAD Ummm...
- AL GEBRA A maths crime was about to go down, and these two perplexed perps were going round and round like the wheels on a bus.
- The name's Al. Private Detective.
- I could tell by the way they gawped at that timetable we were gonna have to make this real simple.
- Each bus took 55 minutes. So, the 18:05, let's say plus-an-hour-minus-five-minutes, gets to the airport at 19:00 hours.
- MIRIAM We'd be there way too early. What about the next bus?
- AL GEBRA At 18:53. So now add on the hour minus five minutes journey time and bingo! It gets in at 19:48.
- SAMAD I'm confused. How are we supposed to work out when the next bus after that goes?!
- AL GEBRA There's a bus every 48 minutes kid! So do yourself a favour... just add 7 minutes onto 18:53 to make a nice big fat 19:00, and then add the other 41 minutes onto that. 19:41.
- Here's a tip for ya... if you've got plans to be somewhere for a particular time, ya gotta work backwards from that time when looking at a timetable. So, working backwards from 20:05, they had to catch a bus no later than 19:10. And that left only one possible suspect, the old 18:53, which'd get 'em in at 19:48. A whole 17 minutes early.
- Woah! Slow it down skippy... you're about to hop on the wrong bus.
- Ahh... Case closed.