

# There is a Time



Use your knowledge about the world and the clues on the page to make your predictions.

These wise words from the book of Ecclesiastes remind us that life is full of changes.

Read the incomplete sentences aloud and think about opposite responses to the words in bold. Use your prediction skills to fill in the gaps using words from the box below. Then answer the questions on page 29.

There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be **born** and a time to **die**,  
a time to **plant** and a time to **uproot**,  
a time to **kill** and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,  
a time to **tear down** and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,  
a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to **laugh**,  
a time to **mourn** and a time to **dance**,  
a time to **scatter stones** and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,  
a time to **embrace** and a time to **refrain**,  
a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to **give up**,  
a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to **throw away**,  
a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to **mend**,  
a time to **be silent** and a time to \_\_\_\_\_,  
a time to \_\_\_\_\_ and a time to **hate**,  
a time for \_\_\_\_\_ and a time for **peace**.

*Ecclesiastes 3, v 1-8*

search    tear    heal    love    weep  
keep    war    speak    gather them    build

1. What do you think the theme of this poem is? Tick the box next to your choice and then explain why you think that.

- endurance     
  people     
  life's journey     
  wisdom

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2. Why do you think there is 'a time to plant and a time to uproot'?

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3. What do you predict happens to people who do not have time to laugh or dance? Why do you think that?

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4. Why do you think 'a time to be silent' is important?

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5. Complete the lines below using opposite words to the words in bold.

a time to **be kind** and a time to be \_\_\_\_\_,

a time to **serve** and a time to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Explain when you think one of the actions you have suggested above might be appropriate.

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