Time in Words - Guided Lesson Explanation

Let's first review the vocabulary for telling time:

half past = 30 minutes after(x:30)

quarter past = 15 minutes after(x:15)

quarter to = 15 minutes before (x:45)

Explanation#1

Step 1) the :45 tells us that the time starts with: "Quarter to"

Step 2) We just need to determine the next hour. If the current hour is 4, the next hour is 5.

Our answer is: Quarter to five o'clock

Explanation#2

Step 1):15 means 15 minutes past or a quarter past

Step 2) We just need to determine the current hour that is two o'clock.

Our answer is: Quarter past two o'clock

Explanation#3

We have to write this as digits.

Five to seven o'clock

Five to indicates 5 minutes until the hour that follow or 5 minutes until 7.

6:55 is five minutes before 7.

