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Definitions

- under pressure, as to meet a deadline
- (in certain sports, such as show jumping) timed by a stop clock ⇒ *the last round will be against the clock*

See [clock¹](#) (sense 10)

Example Sentences Including 'against the clock'

A note in Patrick's handwriting had been left propped up against the clock on the sitting-room mantelpiece.
Ferrars, ElizabethTHEY BROTHER DEATH

According to experts, helping stroke survivors is a race against the clock.
OTTAWA SUN(2003)

But there on the mantelpiece, where Patrick had propped it against the clock, was still his message.
Ferrars, ElizabethTHEY BROTHER DEATH

His event was roping - charging out on horseback to catch steers in a battle against the clock.
TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES(2002)

It's the middle of the day and your factory workers are working against the clock to meet export orders.
BUSINESS TODAY(2001)

Sherlock may start tomorrow while Homan is still racing against the clock to get fit after damaging his shoulder in Clones.
BELFAST TELEGRAPH(2003)

That would take up valuable time; UNACO are working against the clock just as much as we are.
MacNeill, AlastairCODE BREAKER

To test knowledge, it helps to create imaginary questions and then try to answer them against the clock.
THE MERCURY, SUNDAY TASMANIAN(2004)

When the rainy season finally arrives, the landscape bursts into fecund productivity, but it is a time of plenty running against the clock.
Richard ForteyTHE EARTH: AN INTIMATE HISTORY(2004)

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