

Time Zones: Part A: Telling the Time Part

UNIT

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Time zones

UNIT GOALS ● telling the time ● planning schedules



What time is it now ?
 What time is it now in Los Angeles ?
 What time do you start work or college ?
 What time do you have lunch ?
 What time do you go home ?

TALKING POINT

PART A Telling the time

1 Language focus

Match these times to the clocks.

- 1 twenty past four
- 2 quarter to nine
- 3 twelve midday
- 4 two o'clock
- 5 half past six
- 6 one fifteen



a



b



c



d



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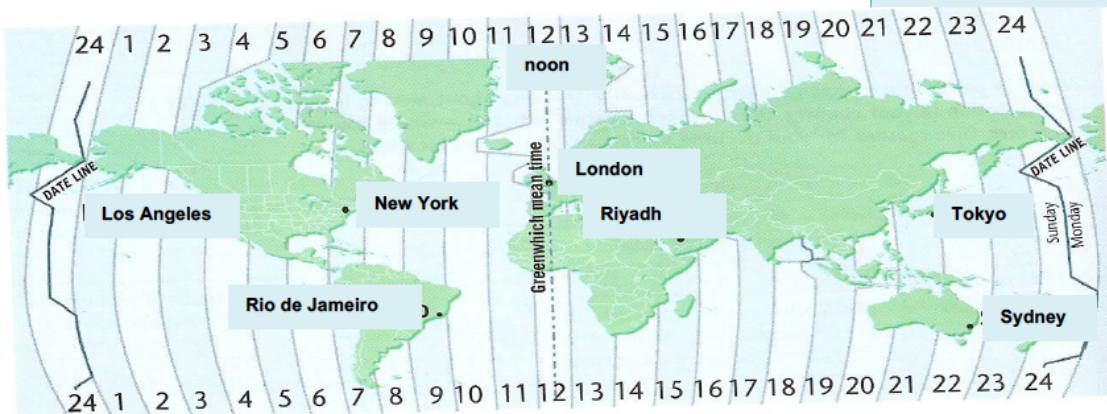
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2 Communication activity

- a Write questions about the time in three of these cities compared to London.
 Example When it's half past four in London, what time is it in Study ?
- b Work in pairs. Ask and answer your questions. Use the GMT table to help you.
- c Look at the map and find where you are. Ask and answer questions about the time in other cities compared to where you are.

Los Angeles	GMT-8
New York	GMT-5
Rio de Janeiro	GMT-3
Riyadh	GMT+3
Tokyo	GMT+9
Sydney	GMT+10
GMT=Greenwich Mean Time (the time in London)	



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Culture focus

Daniel Murphy is a company manager living in Belfast. Read about his typical working week. How does his working week compare to yours ?



I always try to get to the office on time to make a good start. I usually arrive at 9.00. I have lunch at 12.00 - usually a quick lunch something like a sandwich. I leave my office around 5.00 so I can spend some time with my children before they go to bed. I don't usually work at weekends.

Working hours

- 1 What time do office worker start and leave work in your country ?
- 2 Do a lot of people work late ?
- 3 Do people work at weekends ?

Lunchtime

- 1 When do most people have lunch in your country?
- 2 Do employees usually decide what time they have lunch ?
- 3 How long do people take for lunch ?

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Listening

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a Listen to four people from around the world talking about their working week. Fill in the missing information.



Michael Devas, New York, USA
 starts work
 lunch : 100 - 130
 leaves work :
 weekend ? sometimes works on Saturdays



Petra Hartmann, Bonn, Germany
 starts work :
 lunch :
 leaves work :
 weekend ?



Felipe Ramos , Madrid , Spain
 starts work :
 lunch :
 leaves work :
 weekend ?



Jo Watson, London , England
 starts work :
 lunch :
 leaves work :
 weekend ?

b Compare your answers with a partner. Ask and answer questions about the four people.

Example

- A : What time does Michael Devas start work ?
 B : At 9.30. What time does he leave work ?
 A : At 7.30. How long does Felipe Ramos take for lunch ?

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Communication activity

STUDENT A : Look at the information on page 78

Example

STUDENT B : Look at the information below

B : When are the best times to call Michael Devas in New York ?

a In your local time, when are the best times to call these people ? Tell Student A.

A : Well, you can call him between [time] and [time] but don't call him [time]

Petra Hartmann.....
 Jo Watson

Do you agree with Student A's answer?

b Ask Student A when the best times are to call these people.

Michael Devas
 Felipe Ramos