

31 Time zones



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Max: Hello? This is Max Devereux.

Wilbur: Good morning, Mr. Devereux. How are you today?

Max: What the ... Who is this?

Wilbur: It's me Mr. Devereux. Wilbur Meeks, calling from the Boston office. I'm sorry to call you at home, sir, but I ...

Max: Wilbur? Do you know what time it is?

Wilbur: Yes, sir. It's eight a.m.

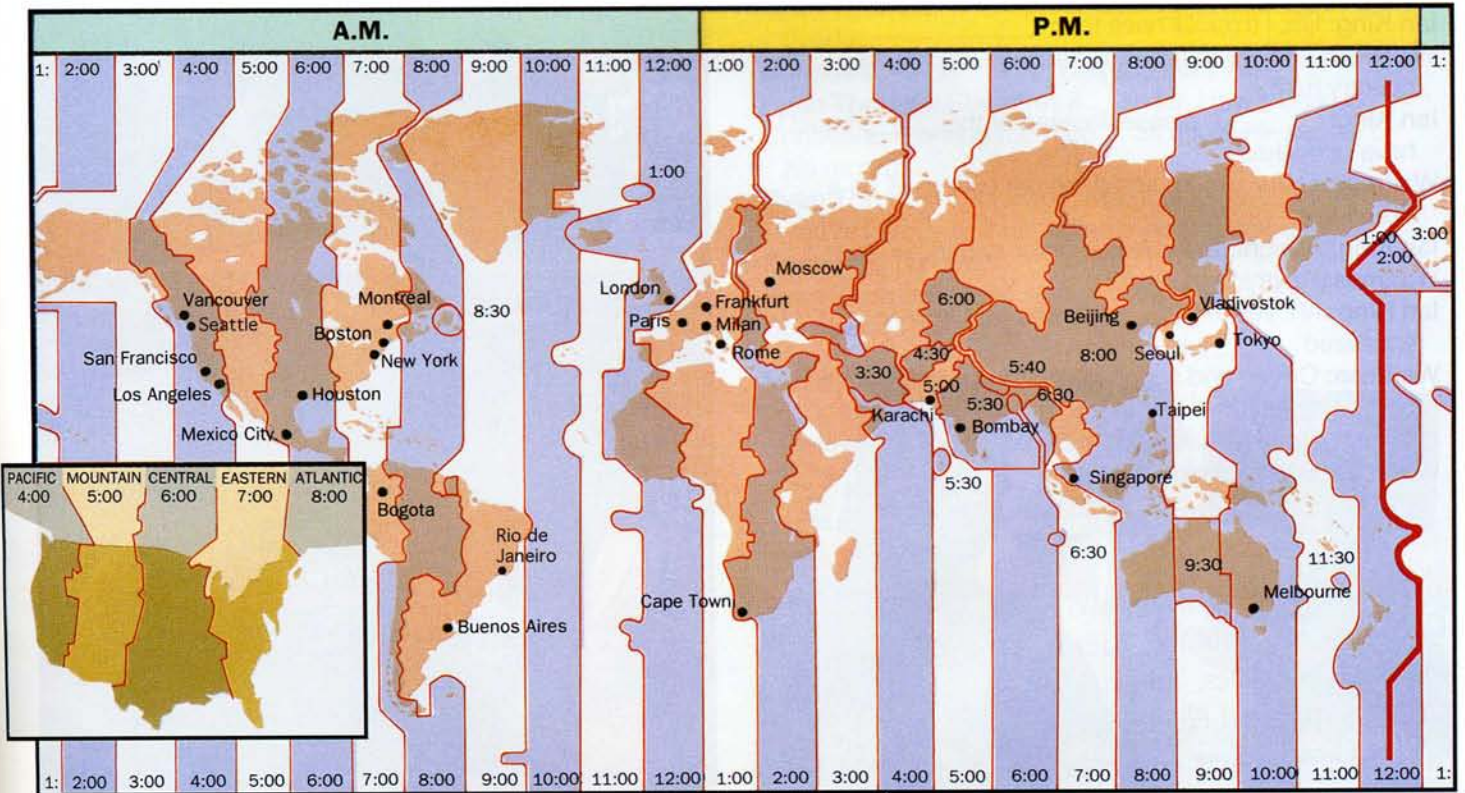
Max: But do you know what time it is here in Seattle?

Wilbur: Yes, sir. It's eleven a.m. Pacific Time.

Max: Wilbur! Pacific Time is three hours *behind* Eastern Standard Time, not three hours ahead!

Wilbur: Oh! You mean ...

Max: I mean it's five o'clock in the morning! This had better be very important, Wilbur. Wilbur? Are you there? Huh. He hung up on me!



1 Look at the map and answer:

- When it's 5 p.m. in Boston, what is the time in:
Los Angeles Taipei
Paris Moscow
London Mexico City
- When it's 3 a.m. in Tokyo, what time is it in:
Cape Town Rome
Melbourne Bogota
Beijing Buenos Aires

2 Look at the map again. Choose six cities and make sentences like this:

When it's 7 p.m. in Paris, it's noon in Mexico City.
When it's 3 p.m. in Milan, it's 11 p.m. in Seoul.

When it's 6 p.m. in New York, it's 8 a.m. the next day in Tokyo.

3 Find out:

- How many hours is Montreal ahead of Seattle?
- How many hours is Karachi behind Singapore?
- When it's 6 p.m. in New York, what time is it here?

4 Now ask and answer similar questions.

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5 Decide on two cities and two times. Practice a telephone conversation like the one between Max and Wilbur.