

**Inside Reading Level Intro**  
**Unit 2 “Time Zones” Pre-Reading Activities**

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Reading 2 in Unit 2 tells how the time of day is different in places around the world.

The expressions *local time* and *time zone* are used to talk about time, especially when talking about time in different places. Read the examples below.

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| A | I live in a different <u>time zone</u> than my brother. I am two hours ahead, so when I call him at 8 p.m. here, it's only 6 p.m. where he lives. |
| B | When I got to Paris, I forgot to set my watch to the <u>local time</u> . I was glad that my phone automatically changed to the correct time.      |

1. Underline the sentence that is true based on Sentence A:

- The speaker lives in the same city as her brother.
- The speaker lives in a different location than her brother.

2. Underline the best definition of *local*:

- connected to or belonging to a particular place that you are talking about
- covering or affecting the whole world

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| D | What time will the sun set tonight?                     |

*Set* has two different meanings in these sentences. Read the definitions below and write the letter of the sentence next to the definition of *set* that matches.

3. \_\_\_\_ to move down in the sky, below the horizon
4. \_\_\_\_ to arrange something so it is ready for use or in a particular position

Now look at the Reading on pages 26 and 27. Answer the questions below.

5. Read the first paragraph of Reading 2 on page 26. Record a sentence that has the same meaning of *set* that is used in Sentence C above:

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6. Read the paragraphs on p. 27 under the heading “Different Places, Different Times.” Record a sentence that uses the phrase “local time.”

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They set their watches to their own local time at the start of a trip. OR They did not match the local time.