

## **Listening:Time Zones**

Our planet, the Earth, is the third planet from the Sun. It is a beautiful, rotating sphere. The side facing the Sun is in daylight. The side facing away from the Sun is in darkness. For example, when it's daytime in the US, it's nighttime in China. In fact, there's a 12-hour time difference between Boston and Shanghai. When it's midnight in Shanghai,it's noon in Boston.

The Earth rotates from west to east. To know which direction is east or west,watch the Sun. The Sun travels through the sky from east to west. The Sun comes up in the east and goes down in the west. Again, this is because the Earth rotates. It takes 24 hours for the Earth to make a complete rotation. And that is the length of one day.

Because of the Earth's rotation, the Earth is divided into time zones. Some countries, such as US, have several time zones.When it's 10 am in New York,it's 7 am in San Francisco.Europe and the US are separated by several time zones. When it's 5 pm in Paris,it's 11 am in Boston. So there's a six-hour difference between Paris and Boston. One large country, China, has just one time zones for the whole country. As a result, at the same time, some parts of the country can be dark,and other parts can be light.

As you travel around the Earth,the time changes. The time of day depends on your location on the planet. When you travel east or west, you may cross several time zones. For example, if you travel from Beijing to Los Angeles,you cross eight time zones. That means when it's noon on Sunday in China,it's 8 pm on Saturday in Los Angeles. For travelers, this means it can be very difficult to sleep after a long flight. The clock may say 8 pm, but for your body it's noon. This is called jet lab.

## **Listening:Kim's Movie Star Dream**

Kim is a popular Korean actress. She is 28 years old, slim and beautiful. She has a large fan club and her movies are very popular.Everywhere she goes,

her fans want her autograph. But Kim wants more. She wants to be popular all over the world. Tomorrow is a special day for her. She's leaving for Hollywood. She's going to Hollywood to meet with some top movie executives. The meeting is scheduled for the day after tomorrow. If the meeting goes well, she'll be in a Hollywood movie. This is her chance to become a star.

She met the movie's director last year. He came to Korea and saw her latest movie. After that he decided to use her in his new movie. Fortunately, Kim's English is excellent, so she can play the role.

The director wants her to play a major role in the movie. The movie's story will take place in the future. At that time, the world will be a very different place. Unfortunately, much of the world will be polluted. Robots will do much of the work, and only the very rich can have a good life. The ending of the movie is still a secret. Even Kim doesn't know how it will end. But she hopes it will have a happy ending. She wants people to have hope for a better future.

## **Vocabulary: Actions & Comparisons**

These people are having a meeting. The woman is giving a presentation. This person is having a scary dream. In his dream, something is chasing him, so he is running as fast as he can. This old man is a tourist. He is looking out of the window of his tour bus. This young couple is in an art museum. They are looking at a famous painting. The sun is setting behind the mountains. The sky is turning red.

The longest line is the one on the top. The top line is the longest of the three lines. The shortest line is the one in the middle. The line in the middle is shorter than the other two. The bottom line is the shortest. The shortest of these three lines is the one on the bottom. The shirt on the left is more expensive than the shirt on the right. The shirt on the right is less expensive than the shirt on the left. The shirt on the left isn't as expensive as the one on the right. The shirt on the left costs less than the one on the right.

## **Vocabulary: Seasons&Weather**

Winter is the coldest season because the sun is at its lowest point in the sky. Winter sports include skiing and ice skating.

Summer is the hottest season because the sun is at its highest point in the sky. Many people like to go swimming in the summer because of the hot weather.

Spring is the season when the weather gets warmer each day. For many animals, new life begins in the spring.

Autumn is the season when the weather begins to cool and the days begin to shorten. Autumn is when trees turn many colors and leaves fall to the ground.

Rainy season is the season when some countries get most of their rainfall. Rainy season usually lasts for one or two months.