

Time zones Present Simple and Continuous Version 2
New Cutting Edge Pre-Intermediate Module 4

Choose one of the countries below (or another country that you know or can more or less guess the time zone of) and talk about people's probable actions at exactly this time and what their routines and habits are until your partner guesses which country you are talking about.

Possible things to talk about:

- Festivals and celebrations
- Food and drink
- Manners
- Time keeping
- Clothes
- Jobs
- Transport

12 hours behind/ ahead of Japan

Parts of Brazil

Nine hours behind Japan

The United Kingdom

Ireland

Iceland

Eight hours behind Japan

Austria

The Czech Republic

France

Italy

Norway

Belgium

Denmark

Germany

The Netherlands

Spain

Algeria

Nigeria

The Vatican

Switzerland

Seven hours behind Japan

Finland

Turkey

Israel

Greece

Egypt

Zimbabwe

South Africa

Six hours behind Japan

Saudi Arabia

Iraq

Kenya

Somalia

Five hour behind Japan

Oman

The UAE

Four hours behind Japan

Pakistan

The Maldives

Three hours behind Japan

Bangladesh

Two hours behind Japan

Cambodia

Thailand

Vietnam

One hour behind Japan

Hong Kong Mongolia	Malaysia Singapore	The Philippines Taiwan
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The same as Japan

South Korea	North Korea	Parts of Siberia
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One hour ahead of Japan

Most of Australia

Three hours ahead of Japan

New Zealand

5 hours ahead of Japan

Hawaii

9 hours ahead of Japan

Parts of Mexico	Easter Island (Chile)
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10 hours ahead of Japan

The Bahamas Haiti	Colombia Jamaica	Cuba Peru
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11 hours ahead of Japan

Barbados	Quebec (Canada)	Bermuda
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Useful language

I guess/ I think/ I'm pretty sure that/ I'm certain that...

Everyone/ Almost everyone/ The majority of people (= Most people)/ Lots of people/ Some people...

At this time/ Around now

Always/ Almost always/ Very often/ Often/ Sometimes/ Rarely/ Hardly ever/

Almost never/ Never

Grammar presentation

What tenses did you use to speak about now and usually?

What are the general structure and meanings of those tenses?

Which tense usually goes with these time expressions and why?

Usually	Often	How often	At the moment
Right now	Every...		

What tense is used to talk about these things?

Changes	Routines	Temporary things
Things which are generally true		