HELLO FROM FIVE TIME ZONES



Emails link WORLD zones

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Dear Reader

Whenever I travel to countries around the world, I'm always interested by the time changes between each country in each time zone.

> "TRAVEL" TO FIVE TIME ZONES TO SEE HOW KIDS AROUND THE WORLD LIVE!

I thought it would be interesting to write this book using emails – as if five kids from five different time zones wrote them to you about their city.

Better still, they have to convince you that their city is the best one in the world to live in. Think about what you would write about the place you live in, if you had to write an email for this book.

I hope you enjoy reading the kids' emails!

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Five nine-year-old students enter a time-zone competition on 1 December. They live in five different cities in five separate time zones. In their emails they have to convince you that their city is the best in the world.



2 Hello from Vancouver



Emily, a student from Vancouver, writes the first email, but it's still only 30 November in her time zone. Find out why.

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3 Hello from London



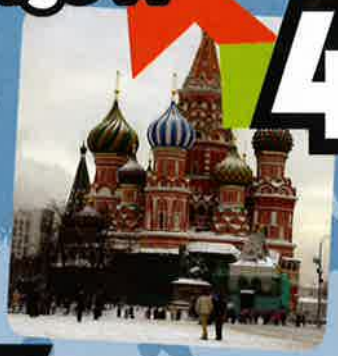
Nick in London writes his email at 12.00 am on 1 December. Find out what "UTC London time" means and why time "starts" in London.



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4 Hello from Moscow



In Moscow, 1 December is the first day of winter. Alena emails to tell you why Moscow is the world's best city.

5 Hello from Singapore



Matt emails you from Singapore. He explains why Singapore is the best city in the world for kids to grow up in.

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6 Hello from Melbourne



Find out in Jackson's email where he goes on the first day of summer – is he at school or at the beach?



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7 And the Winner Is ...

Each student's email has tried to convince you that their city is the best. Now you decide.

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1 A Time-Zone Competition

Time for Emails





In the Time-Zone Competition you will learn about five cities in five different time zones:

- Vancouver, Canada
- London, UK
- Moscow, Russia
- Singapore, Republic of Singapore
- Melbourne, Australia.

Five Students in Five Time Zones

Five imaginary students aged nine years old have written emails at the same time in five different time zones.



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Competition Rules

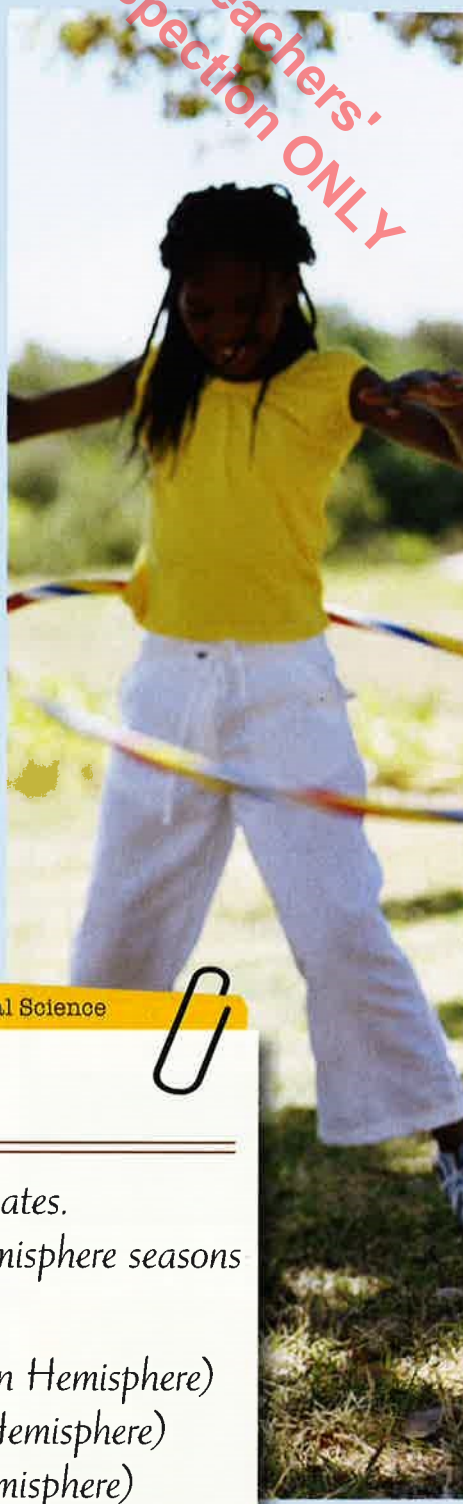
Each student's task was to convince you that their city is the best in the world. They will tell you the reasons why their city is the best to visit on 1 December. They used these headings:

- place
- time
- date
- day
- season
- weather
- climate
- air quality
- environment
- city highlights.

You're the Judge

Your task is to be the judge. This is what you do:

- read each student's email
- write a score on a separate piece of paper for each part of their email
- add up all the scores for each student.



Physical Science

Seasons in Australia and New Zealand

Different countries start their seasons on different dates. In Australia and New Zealand, their Southern Hemisphere seasons start on:

1 December: summer (almost winter in the Northern Hemisphere)
1 March: autumn (almost spring in the Northern Hemisphere)
1 June: winter (almost summer in the Northern Hemisphere)
1 September: spring (almost autumn in the Northern Hemisphere)

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24 Time Zones of the World

Earth is divided into 24 time zones. Each time zone is one hour apart. Countries base their times on these 24 time zones. In Australia, there are three time zones:

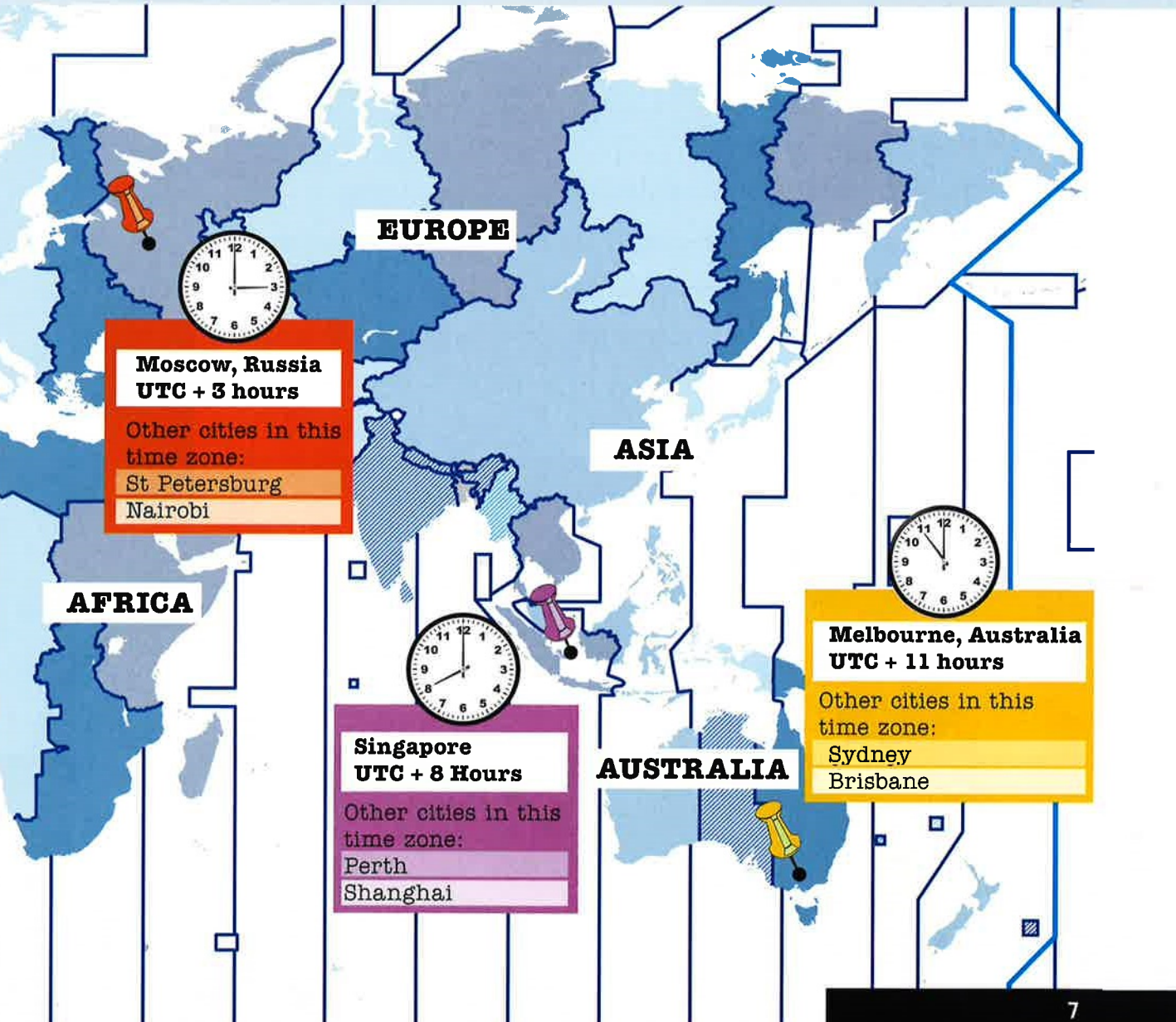
- eastern (New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, Australian Capital Territory)
- central (South Australia, Northern Territory, Broken Hill NSW)
- western (Western Australia).



Universal Coordinated Time (UTC)

Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) is the time zone that is used to work out times in all other time zones around the world. London is in the UTC time zone. On this map, it is 12 o'clock in the morning in London. It is one o'clock in the morning in the next time zone to the east (add one hour). It is 11 o'clock at night in the next time zone to the west (subtract one hour).

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2 Hello from Vancouver

TEXT TYPE
Exposition

Emily's Email from Vancouver, Canada

"Hello my name is Emily. I live in Vancouver. In my time zone it is 4.00 pm. My city is the best place in the world to live in. Let me tell you why."

Time: 4.00 pm in Vancouver

= 12.00 am in London
= 3.00 am in Moscow
= 8.00 am in Singapore
= 11.00 am in Melbourne due to daylight savings

Date: 30 November
Day: Sunday
Season: autumn or "fall"



collecting autumn leaves

Weather: It is 4.00 pm on Sunday afternoon. It is only one degree Celsius. Our top temperature today was only six degrees Celsius. We had snow in November. This is unusual. People say that our climate is changing.

Score out of 10 = ☐

In Vancouver it's 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.



Climate: Our climate is "oceanic". Tomorrow we will have a low temperature of one degree Celsius and a high temperature of seven degrees Celsius. We don't get much snow but we do get a lot of rain!

Score out of 10 = ☐

Air Quality: Vancouver has about 600 000 people. We're the smallest city in this time-zone competition but the air pollution is getting worse. The number of cars is growing faster than the population! When the wind blows the pollution in towards the city, the mountains trap the pollution and stop it from moving away from the city.

Score out of 10 = ☐




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Social Studies

Thanksgiving in Canada

One national holiday in Canada is Thanksgiving. The Canadian people celebrate Thanksgiving on the second Monday in October.

They share lunch or dinner with family and friends. Most people have a traditional meal of roast turkey, vegetables and pumpkin pie.



the Canadian flag