

Reading Exam

Read the text.

Before clocks, people told time by looking at the sun in the sky. If the sun was in the east, they started work. When the sun was in the west, they went to bed. This was not a very accurate way to tell the time.

Now we know that the Earth spins on its axis. An axis is an imaginary line that goes through the center of a planet like Earth. It takes the Earth one day to make a complete turn on its axis. This day is divided into hours, minutes, and seconds. Now we have clocks to help us measure this time easily.

The Earth is divided into 24 time zones. As you travel, it will be one hour later in each time zone. In the U.S., it will be sunrise on the east coast 3 hours before sunrise on the west coast. This is because the U.S. is so big. When the sun disappears at the end of the day, on the opposite side of the Earth it will be morning!

Read and choose the correct answer.

1. Before clocks, people told the time looking at _____.
2. If the sun was in the west, people went to _____.
3. We now know that the Earth _____ on its axis.
4. It takes _____ for the Earth to make a complete turn on its axis.
5. The Earth is divided into _____ time zones.
6. When the sun arrives in the morning, on the opposite side of the Earth it will be _____.

Read and choose

1. The diagram shows the “hour” hand.



2. This diagram shows the way the Earth turns.



3. This diagram shows the different time zones in the world.



4. The label in this diagram should say “Noon”.

