JAKE'S TRAVEL BLOG

PART 1

Hello, dear travelers! Jake here. As you know, I have traveled around the world a lot. Today I would like to talk to you about something surprising that I discovered while traveling to foreign countries.

Have you ever been to Brazil in South America? I was there last year. One day, I boarded a bus for a four-hour drive from São Paulo to Volta Redonda. The other passengers and I waited a really long time for the driver. When he eventually arrived, he started a conversation with a friend – a very long conversation! Then, along the route, the driver decided to stop for gas. Later on, as we were passing through a village, he stopped again, this time to buy some fruit and vegetables. I was just a tourist, so I waited for the local passengers to complain, yet none of them did. It seemed that the driver's behavior didn't bother any of the other passengers. They were very calm and didn't see anything wrong with being late. In the end, although the roads were mostly clear, the bus ride took six hours instead of four!

That's how I learned that people in Brazil think about time very differently from people in the USA. I live in New York, and here, time is money! In Brazil, they accept it if you're 15-30 minutes late, but in New York, arriving more than five minutes late is considered bad behavior. Clearly, people from different cultures can have very different attitudes towards time.



Another example of how different cultures treat time differently is in Europe. In Greece, my hosts* and I arranged a time for me to come to dinner. They were shocked when I arrived on time. They were still cooking! Later, I was told that guests are expected to arrive about half an hour late. In Germany, however, when I arrived 30 minutes late for dinner, my hosts were rather mad. They expected me to arrive on time! I told them about my experience in Greece, but it still felt like a terrible excuse.

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Answer the questions for the part/s you read.

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1. Jake's bus ride took six hours instead of four. Give ONE reason why.
2. How did the passengers react to the long bus ride?
3. Complete the sentence.

   Compared to people in New York, people in Brazil ... .
4. What do New York and Germany have in common?
   a. They are both in Europe.
   b. It is considered bad behavior to arrive late there.
   c. It's okay to be late for dinner.
   d. In both places, people think that "time is money".

Part 2

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