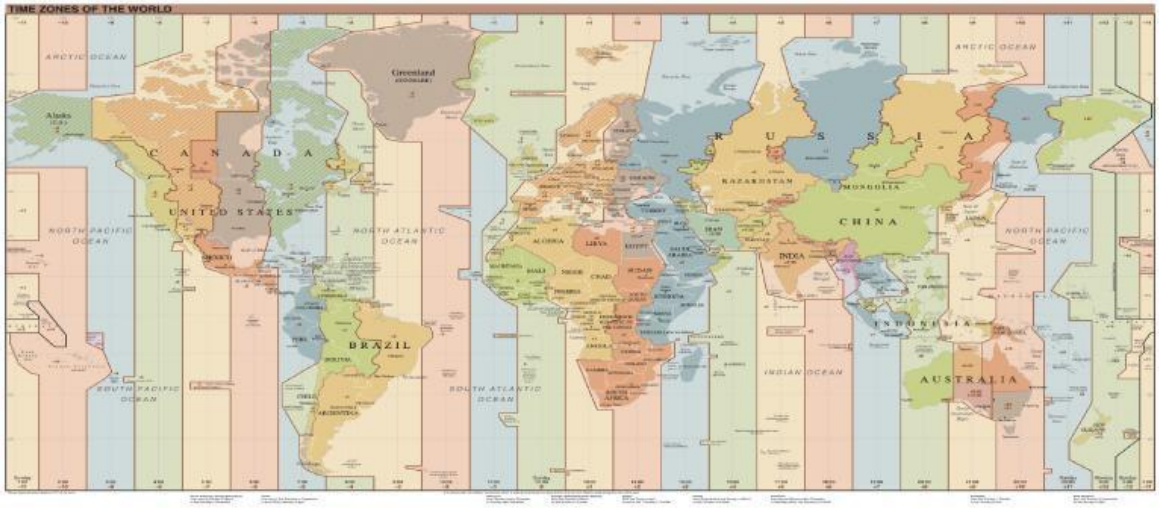


Time Zones
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1. **Match the English words with the Latvian translation.**

English	Latvian
Time zone	**Ģeogrāfiskais platums**
Longitude	**Vasaras laiks**
Latitude	**Austrumu puslode**
Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)	**Laika josla**
Prime Meridian	**Vietējais laiks**
International Date Line	**Griničas laiks**
Local time	**Datuma maiņas līnija**
Daylight Saving Time	**Ģeogrāfiskais garums**
Eastern Hemisphere	**Rietumu puslode**
Western Hemisphere	**Sākotnējais meridiāns**

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

Word box: ***time zone, longitude, GMT, Prime Meridian, International Date Line, local time***

1. Latvia is in the Eastern European _____.
2. The _____ runs through Greenwich, London.
3. 0° _____ is used as the starting point for time zones.
4. When it is 12:00 in London, Riga is 2 hours ahead according to _____.
5. The _____ separates two calendar days.
6. Riga's _____ is GMT +2 (or +3 in summer).

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3. Quick Geography Check

1. How many time zones are there in the world?
   a) 12
   b) 18
   c) 24
   d) 36

2. Which time zone is Latvia in?
   a) GMT +1
   b) GMT +2
   c) GMT +3
   d) GMT –1

3. Why do we need time zones?
   a) Because clocks are different in each country
   b) Because the Earth rotates and the Sun rises/sets at different times
   c) Because countries want to be unique
   d) Because it is easier for traveling

4. Take turns asking and answering. Use active vocabulary. First, Student A asks and Student B answers. Then switch roles.

Questions to practise:

- What time is it in Riga if it is 12:00 in London?
- What time is it in New York if it is 18:00 in Riga?
- Which countries are in the same time zone as Latvia?
- How many hours ahead is Tokyo compared to Riga?
- Which country is behind Latvia in time?

Useful phrases:

- *"Latvia is in the … time zone."*
- *"The local time in Riga is …"*
- *"The time difference between Riga and … is … hours."*
- *"… is ahead of Latvia by … hours."*
- *"… is behind Latvia by … hours."*
- *"According to Greenwich Mean Time, Riga is …"*

5. You are planning an online meeting with students from Latvia, Japan, and Brazil. The meeting is at 15:00 in Riga.

- What time is it in Tokyo?
- What time is it in Brasília?
- Which country has the earliest time?
- Which country has the latest time?

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