

Time in English

This learning resource has different assignments about a text called "Time in English". Read the text and then answer the questions. You can write all your answers directly on this paper.

1. Read the text below.

Time in English

Around the world, people measure time and in USA and other English speaking countries, the time is measured as Europe and Sweden measures time. Although, there are several differences.

In some countries including Sweden, time is written using a 24 hour format. That means that when it is one o'clock in the afternoon, it is 13:00. In USA and other countries, there is a 12 hour format instead. Time is only measured until 12 o'clock. After that, the time "resets" to one. To keep track of it is evening or morning or day or night, "AM" and "PM" is used. They help you tell the difference with times such as 1:00 and 13:00. In countries with a 12 hour time format, you would say 1:00 AM and 1:00 PM. PM is used when the time 12:59 has passed (in a 24-hour time format). AM is used between 1:00 and 12:59 (in a 24-hour time format).

You also write days and dates a little different. You often write the date like this: 10/3-2018 if you live in Sweden (Day/Month-Year). In some English speaking countries, it is written like: 3/10-2018 (Month/Day-Year).

Hopefully, you learned something new about time and date in English!

2. Answer the questions:

1. Write 4/2-2018 and 16:00 in USA time format. _____ and _____.
2. When do you use "PM"? Between the times _____ and _____ (in 24 hour format)
3. Write 4:20 PM in a 24-hour format. _____:_____
4. Translate "Tid, minuter och sekunder" to English. _____.
5. The time zone in New York is called "GMT -04". In Sweden, when it is 4:20 PM, it is 10:12 AM in New York. What is the time difference between New York and Sweden? The time difference is _____ hours.
6. Write "femte mars tjugohundraarton" in English and in an English date format (with numbers). ____ / ____ - _____.
7. What does AM most likely stand for? After Midnight OR After "Mid-day".

