

## 1. Rain! Rain!

**Tim:** Hello, guys. How are you doing? I miss you all.

**Kate and Paul:** Hi, Tim.

**Paul:** I'm watching the news now. I feel sad. I can't go out. The weather is terrible. It has been raining for two weeks.

Too much rain causes floods. In the mountains, there are even mudslides.

Some of my classmates have to move to safer places.

If the flood gets serious, I need to move to a safer place, too.

We can't go to school. We take online classes. I miss my classmates.

**Kate:** I'm sorry to hear that. The weather in my place is terrible, too. There isn't enough rain. The reservoir is drying up, and it causes droughts. We don't have enough water to drink, to wash the dishes, or to take a shower.

There will be a water rationing plan. It means we can only use water on specific days.

Now I know it's really important to save water. Every drop counts. How about you, Tim?

How's the weather in your place?

**Tim:** The weather is perfect here. It doesn't rain too little or too much. It's not too cold, it's not too hot.

**Kate and Paul:** That's great!

**Tim:** I hope the weather gets better in your areas.

**Kate and Paul:** Thank you.

## 2. What Time Is It?

**Captain:** Good afternoon. This is your captain speaking.

Welcome to Flight No. 168, non-stop from Taipei to Tokyo.

It's one twenty in Taipei. And the local time in Tokyo is two twenty. In Tokyo, the weather is sunny.

The temperature is 24 degrees Celsius. Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight.

**The Lees (Kevin):** Look! So many clocks! It's five forty in Tokyo. In Taipei, it's four forty.

Taipei is one hour behind Tokyo. Why are the times different?

**The Lees (Mom):** It's because we live in different time zones.

**The Lees (Dad ) :** It rotates around its own axis and it takes 24 hours to complete one rotation.

The sun hits different parts of the world at different times when the Earth spins.

It causes morning, noon, evening, and night.

When it's morning in one city, it might be noon in another city.

**The Lees (Mom):** Nowadays, there are 24 time zones around the world.

**The Lees (Kevin):** It's interesting!

**The Lees (Dad ) :** If it's ten o'clock in Taipei, what time is it in Tokyo?

**The Lees (Kevin):** Eleven o'clock?

**The Lees (Dad ) :** That's right.

**The Lees (Kevin):** Now I got it!