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Reading (Reading)

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| <p>What time is it now? It's eight thirty. (What time is it now? It's eight thirty.)</p> | <p>What is it? Why are you crying? (What is it? Why are you crying?)</p> |
| <p>It rained heavily. (It rained heavily.)</p> | <p>It was snowing during the day. (It was snowing during the day.)</p> |

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| <p>It's very hot in the Philippines. (It's very hot in the Philippines.)</p> | <p>How's the weather? It's sunny today. (How's the weather? It's sunny today.)</p> |
| <p>It was warm in the hallway. (It was warm in the hallway.)</p> | <p>How far is it to your school? It's 5 kilometers. (How far is it to your school? It's 5 kilometers.)</p> |

Grammar focus (Grammar focus)

- ❖ Use “it” to talk about time, such as “It’s (It is) eight thirty.” Also, use “it” to ask about time, such as “What time is it?”

- ❖ Use “it” to describe the weather, such as “It’s raining” or “It’s sunny.”

- ❖ Use “it” to refer to impersonal (non-human) subjects, such as “It’s dark in this room” or “It’s cold in here”.

- ❖ You can use “it” to refer to a non-human subject that has been mentioned before or it is implied from the context. For example, “There is a camp site near this mountain. It’s twenty miles south.”

Speaking (Speaking)

- 1) It's seven o'clock in the morning. (It's seven o'clock in the morning.)
- 2) It rained heavily last night. (It rained heavily last night.)
- 3) It's sunny today. (It's sunny today.)
- 4) Is it far from your house? Yes, it's about 10 kilometers north.
(Is it far from your house? Yes, it's about 10 kilometers north.)
- 5) It's very cold in here. (It's very cold in here.)
- 6) Is it Monday tomorrow? Yes, it is. (Is it Monday tomorrow? Yes, it is.)
- 7) It's getting dark outside. (It's getting dark outside.)
- 8) It's located near my office. (It's located near my office.)

Speaking (Speaking)

Your teacher will ask you questions. Answer the questions.

Q1) What time is it now? (What time is it now?)

A1) It's three thirty. (It's three thirty.)

Q2) What time is it? (What time is it?)

A2) It's half past ten. We should go home soon.

(It's half past ten. We should go home soon.)

Q3) Is it cloudy outside? (Is it cloudy outside?)

A3) Yes, so we need to bring our umbrella. It might rain.

(Yes, so we need to bring our umbrella. It might rain.)

Q4) Is it far? (Is it far?)

A4) Yes, it's 20 kilometers from here. (Yes, it's 20 kilometers from here.)

Q5) Can you get the boxes from the basement?

(Can you get the boxes from the basement?)

A5) I'm afraid. It's dark in there. (I'm afraid. It's dark in there.)

Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

- 1) _____ . (It's seven twenty-five)
- 2) _____ in the evening. (It's a quarter to ten in the evening)
- 3) _____ in the morning. (It's half past eleven in the morning)
- 4) _____ in Frankfurt these days. (It's cold in Frankfurt these days)
- 5) _____ on the mountain. (It's snowing on the mountain)
- 6) _____ on the hill. (It's always cloudy on the hill)
- 7) _____ outside. (It's raining outside)
- 8) _____ outside. Shall we go now?
(It's getting dark outside. Shall we go now?)
- 9) _____ ? Maybe _____ from here.
(Is it near? Maybe it's 400 kilometers from here)

Gap Filling (Gap Filling)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

Amy : Ian, _____ ?

Amy : Ian, what time is it now?

Ian : _____ . Are you going home?

Ian : It's five o'clock. Are you going home?

Amy : _____ outside. I will stay a bit longer. How about you?

Amy : It's still raining outside. I will stay a bit longer. How about you?

Ian : I think I'll go home now. I don't mind the rain. _____ a long day.

Ian : I think I'll go home now. I don't mind the rain. It's been a long day.

Amy : I've never been to your place. _____ from the office?

Amy : I've never been to your place. Is it far from the office?

Ian : _____ not that far but I still go by car. I hate walking.

Ian : It's not that far but I still go by car. I hate walking.

Amy : I see. Please drive carefully. _____ outside.

Amy : I see. Please drive carefully. It's getting dark outside.

Ian : Yeah, I will. Thank you!

Ian : Yeah, I will. Thank you!

Translating (Translating)

Translate these sentences into English.

- 1) It rained heavily this morning. (useful vocabulary: heavily = heavily)
- 2) It's ten past six. It's six ten in the evening.
- 3) It's seven fifty-five in the morning. It's five to eight.
- 4) It's dark in my room.
- 5) How far is it to your apartment? It's 355 kilometers. (useful vocabulary: kilometers = kilometers)