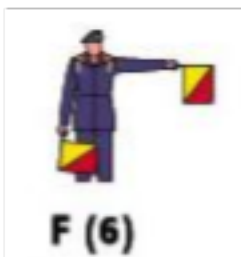


Dinnertime

Pasadena, California is in the UTC-08:00 time zone. Converting 4:30PM in UTC-08:00 to the [time zones](#) of the cities listed in the image (ignoring any daylight savings as implied by the “don’t save” in the flavor text), we get the following times:

City	Time Zone	Local Time
Kathmandu, Nepal	UTC+05:45	6:15AM
Budapest, Hungary	UTC+01:00	1:30AM
Colombo, Sri Lanka	UTC+05:30	6:00AM

Looking at the local times on an analog clock (as implied by the analog clock in the image), we can read the three times in [semaphore alphabet](#) to get the answer **FED**.



Editor notes: Oftentimes, part of solving a puzzle is to figure out what exactly the puzzle is. The flavor text is very minimal in this one, and it’s important to learn to observe for patterns and similarities to find out what might be important. In this case, two things are present in both the

text and the image: location and time, which leads to the idea that time zones may be important.

- Again, in this puzzle, some research will be required to lookup the timezones of the locations
- This puzzle is an introduction to some more encoding techniques. One of the most difficult steps in this puzzle is to think to look at the times on an analog clock, but if one is familiar with semaphore code, the presence of the analog clock in the image is a big red flag. Becoming familiar with the encoding techniques linked and recognizing when they may be in use helps guide puzzle solving immensely.