

Upper Beginner – Lesson 3

Working and Eating Around the World



I. Read the article...

The work week in Argentina is Monday through Friday, but executives in Argentina have a very long days. Sometimes business meetings start at 8 p.m., so dinner in Argentina usually starts after 10 pm.

In Argentina, business people finish work very late, but executives in the United States often start work very early. The usual business hours are 9 am to 5 pm but many companies have “power breakfast” meetings early in the morning, at 6 or 7 am. These breakfast meetings are popular because managers can meet new clients and customers before the start of the usual business day.

In South Korea, the usual business hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday. Managers often have “business dinners” after work, sometimes just in local coffee shop, but they rarely have “business breakfasts.”

Source: Dun & Bradstreet’s Guide to Doing Business Around the World

II. Complete the the chart below.

Country	Routines	Time
Argentina	Business Meetings: Dinner:	----- -----
United States	Business Meetings: Power Breakfast:	----- -----
South Korea	Work Week:	-----

Monday–Friday: _____

Saturday: _____

(Own Example)

III. Let's Talk About It

What is your work week?

Is your work day different from most people in your country?

When and where do you usually eat during the day?