

The clock story

Walking through a deserted train station on a Sunday afternoon, Smith realises that he has lost track of time. He glances up at the station clock and sees the hands clearly pointing to 3.00 PM, which is the correct time.

What Smith does not know is that the clock is broken, and its hands haven't moved for the last two days. It's just a coincidence that Smith is looking at this broken clock at one of the rare moments when it is telling the right time.

Smith 'knows' it is 3.00. Think about -

- Is this *true*?
- Does Smith *believe* it?
- Is it *justified*?
- Can we really say that Smith 'knows' it is 3.00 PM?

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