

Vocabulary Ch 28

Essential Question: What factors give some countries a comparative advantage in the global IT revolution?

1. information technology (IT): the use of technology to move, record, and process information
2. outsource: to hire someone outside a company to do work that was done inside the company
3. comparative advantage: the ability of one country to produce a good or provide a service at a lower cost or more effectively than another country.
4. rainforests: a type of thick evergreen forest found in areas of heavy rainfall
5. time zones: an area that uses the same clock time. Earth is divided into 24 standard time zones. In each zone, clocks are set to the areas own hour and minute.
6. cost of living: the average costs of basic necessities, such as food, clothing, and shelter in a particular place or country.
7. standard of living: the overall level of comfort and well-being of a group or a country
8. dialects: a version of a language that is spoken in a specific area
9. linguistic groups: a group of people who share a common language
10. illiterate: unable to read or write
11. brain drain: the loss of well-educated people such as doctors or engineers to another country
12. foreign investment: investment by a person or company based in another country

