

You are in GuruChatRoom.  
There are 1 people in the room.  
Frank entered the room.  
Frank: Hi Doos  
Doos: hi frank  
Doos: scot right?  
Frank: Right.  
Doos: welcome back  
Frank: ty  
Frank: You in Amsterdam?  
Doos: no, I'm in the south of Holland now .. I used to live there for some years  
Frank: I know Maasticht pretty well  
Doos: heh, not that far south  
Doos: Maastricht is one of Hollands most beautiful towns  
Frank: lol they all think they're great....the rest of Holland thinks they're hicks  
Doos: I live in Tilburg  
Jen entered the room.  
Frank: yeah nice and friendly  
Doos: hi Jen  
Jen: hi  
Frank: Hi Jen  
Jen: hi frank  
Frank: you get your head around wavelengths yet?  
Jen: yes i think so  
Jen: do i know you  
Frank: I was Scotsmaninfrance last week  
Jen: are you scotsman  
Jen: ok know i figured it out  
Frank: but I've taken the ginger wig and beard off this week  
Doos: heh  
Jen: i see  
Doos: frank: tell Jen what kind of an animal a Haggis is  
Jen: ok just cleaning up my mess  
Jen: what??  
Frank: It's a furry wee thing with the legs on one side longer than on the other  
Doos: you never heard of haggis jen?  
Jen: no  
Frank: so they always go the same way round the mountains  
Doos: from running around the mountain all day  
Doos: lol  
Jen: are they real  
Doos: I cracked up when I first heard that  
Frank: You been haggis hunting doos?  
Frank: Yes we eat them  
Jen: ok so i really have no questions this week  
Doos: delicious food jen  
Jen: now i am into just looking back over my lesson 1-4  
Frank: since were in the same time zone doos  
Jen: but we need to figure out this time change thing  
Frank: are you good to move to nighttime?  
Frank: Annie has mornings  
Frank: and the merry kins have afternoon  
Doos: i have no problem with that  
Jen: i do have a problem

Frank: Afternoons good for you Jen?  
Frank: mean no good  
Jen: i have my family home saturday and that make  
Frank: what about Sunday afternoon  
Jen: us never really home we are out doing things which is why it was easier morning or night for me  
Jen: well they are home sunday  
Jen: mon to thursday afternoon i am free  
Doos: frank: that would put Australia on a monday morning .. working day  
Frank: Ah  
Frank: cours  
Doos: annie isn't here now, she must be in bed  
Frank: I'm self employed so can pretty much please myself when to have time off  
Jen: well i am just not sure what to say here or do  
Frank: so I'll go along with you all  
Frank: Mon to thurs afternoon for jen means mon to thurs night for me...thats ok  
Doos: the main problem with this time is that I would have to give the answers on my own ..  
and since I goof a lot I need someone to correct me  
Frank: you.....goof....no  
Jen: well maybe i will just have to look over everything in the forums and miss some sessions if i am not home  
Frank: shame annies not here to give her views  
Doos: Jen: what time do you get home saturdays?  
Jen: Doos: it depends on what i am doing and where i am  
Doos: her view is clear by not being able to attend .. zzzzz  
Frank: lol  
Doos: we have to think of others aswell  
Jen: look lwts just put it for what was it 2pm my time and if i am here i will show if i am  
not i will read in the forums, and i can catch you doos anytime for help  
Jen: as for you goofing that would bring on good forum discussion  
Doos: heh  
Frank: I'm happy to learn from you doos  
Frank: you DEFINATELY know more than me  
Doos: well, if no one is here to ask questions .. there won't be much logs to read  
Jen: as for thinking of others you posted that we needed a time change and said for others to either post thier input or show up  
Doos: true  
Frank: I'll ask the questions...you do the answers... and we can discuss other topics that crop up on the forum  
Frank: but try to make it a time  
Jen: well and this is the problem until frank started i was the only regular student here  
Frank: that others can use  
Frank: if they are able  
Frank: I'd rather you were there jen  
Doos: this is a fairly new studentaid, the goal is to have more people in later  
Jen: and the only other person who showed up once in awhile was gemma  
Frank: I was partly attracted to the ISG course to start with

Jen: ok so why don't we post a trial 2pm calgary time, for however long  
Frank: because it had these things going on  
Jen: see how it goes if we get more people here  
Frank: I'd like to keep them up  
Jen: and tell everyone this is a trial time  
Doos: this time is very comfortable for us Europeans, Asians and Americans are a bit screwed  
Frank: Are you good for the evenings doos?  
Frank: how far behind GMT is calgary?  
Doos: Oh yes, I'm flexible .. that would put Annie at 8am .. I dont think she can make that  
Doos: -8  
Doos: oh GMT -7  
Frank: so we'd be at 10pm  
Doos: yes  
Jen: yeah see i don't know timezones really well  
Frank: 10 is okay but if it doesn't include Annie at 8am then what purpose changin?  
Doos: if it would be at midnight CET, that would give Annie the time to wake up (10am)  
Doos: that is 4pm Calgary  
Frank: Midnight on saturday night...I might slur my typing  
Jen: what  
Jen: i thought 10am for annie was 2pm my time  
Doos: heh yes, some beer may be involved .. on the other side Annie did that all this time  
Doos: yes Jen  
Doos: uh no Jen  
Frank: Yeah it's good for me  
Jen: and my evenings are way to late for you  
Jen: well what if i got up at 3am  
Doos: maybe in the future we can attractt more tutors and do seperate times for the Americas etc  
Jen: but then that really puts a pinch in all canadians and americans  
Frank: Your not going to be in shape for study at that time  
Doos: jah Jen, that would not be good for most people  
Jen: ok so why not post a ad LOOKING FOR TUTORS  
Jen: to arrange more available times  
Doos: we do that all the time Jen  
Jen: hmm i do not know what to do  
Doos: is there a way that you can make it at 4pm Jen?  
Jen: see sometimes i am here on a saturday afternoon and sometimes i am not it depends upon the weekend  
Jen: again it is a hit and miss  
Frank: Doos and I are bith flexible.(it's the yoga) you tell us what suits you and if pos includes Annie  
Jen: well lets do that  
Jen: 4pm and see how it goes  
Doos: It's only for half a year  
Jen: i can try but if i am in calgary at 230 i won't make it back in time  
Jen: but lets try and see i know i can make it for some

Jen: probably at least half  
Doos: maybe pout at your husband a bit to get you back in time .. I hope these studies benefit you enough to try  
Frank: Isn't there any time you can say I'll be at home then  
Jen: yes in the morning or the evening  
Jen: doos it isn't his choice  
Jen: it is how our schedule works  
Jen: we go for smokes during the day  
Jen: especially in the winter night time in winters here can be very trecherous  
Jen: so we try to go in mid day after the roads have been cleaned somewhat  
Doos: why not buy enough smokes for a whole month at once?  
Frank: Move south...worked for me  
Jen: remember it isn't unusual to have a foot of snow dumped over night  
Jen: because the tax free is limited to 2 cartons per week  
Doos: i see  
Jen: and the ice on the roads in winter is bad  
Jen: but hey i can do everything i can to try to make it  
Michael\_O\_Neill entered the room.  
Jen: but being winter if i am not here it could be bad roads and not getting back in time  
Frank: Hi Michael  
Jen: hi micheal  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Hello  
Jen: how are you  
Doos: hi michael  
Jen: did you get through lesson11  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I'm doing well, first time to the chat room, and I finished lesson 12 already  
Jen: wow ghood for you  
Jen: i just finished lesson 5  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Congratulations!  
Jen: you have 6 to go  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Yes, but I hope they are easy!  
Doos: heh  
Michael\_O\_Neill: So....What's the discussion on today?  
Jen: so do ytu know what will happen when you are ready for exams  
Doos: new study time  
Jen: do they not send you info to help prep you and study  
Doos: in what timezone are you michael?  
Jen: i have emailed them and asked about that numerous times and they never respond i will have to phone them  
Jen: he is a hour behind me io think  
Frank: So are we going to try 4pm calgary, midnight CET and 10am for Annie?  
Frank: 3pm for Michael  
Doos: yah  
Jen: micheal your are an hour behind me right  
Doos: is that a good time for everyone for now?  
Frank: and I'll slur questions and you beery breath answers  
Jen: michael  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Right now it's about 7:30 am on the pacific coast  
Doos: lol  
Jen: yes ok

Jen: he is an hour behind me  
Jen: my old time zone  
Frank: are you an early morning person michael  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Never!  
Doos: would 3pm saturdays be a good time for you to attend this chat michael?  
Michael\_O\_Neill: But I do make exceptions  
Jen: michael do you think you would benefit from this  
Jen: and do you think you could make it 3pm your time on staurdays  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I certainly do  
Jen: as you would be much help to me aswell  
Jen: and doos is great help aswell as annie  
Frank: Sooo.....settled?  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Done  
Doos: I'm happy with it  
Jen: ok 3 for michael 4 for me you guys i don't know what time  
Jen: that would be 6pm for gemma  
Doos: -midnight  
Frank: the witching hour  
Jen: ok  
Jen: now i will do my best to be here  
Jen: and if not don't panick  
Doos: great Jen  
Jen: i think we have new students to keep it going  
Jen: and maybe just let it be about whatever  
Jen: instead of following me through my course  
Jen: as some people are further ahead like michael  
Doos: Jen: the whole point is to drag you (and others) to the exams and make you  
pass with  
flying colours  
Frank: Following one students ok  
Frank: if doos logs em  
Jen: ok  
Frank: cos we cover everything  
Michael\_O\_Neill: How many typically show up to the chatroom?  
Doos: 3-4  
Jen: today we have 4 and we are missing a regular  
Jen: and gemma makes it when she can  
Doos: and Gemma  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I see  
Jen: so if michael and frank plan to try to be here it will be at least 5-6  
Annie entered the room.  
Jen: hello annie  
Frank: Hi annie  
Annie: Hi  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Hello annie!  
Annie: Hi all, how nice to see you all here  
Jen: yes  
Annie: gosh i just got up to get here  
Doos: which brings me to another topic .. is it possible that you can e-mail me  
the topics  
in advance .. we try to make it look like we do it all from the top of our  
heads, but  
that's only make believe  
Doos: hey annie  
Annie: did you start early today

Doos: annie: is 10 am sunday good for you?  
Jen: yes doos i will try but for me for the most part you know what you are up against with  
me but i will try to start emailing you  
Jen: is 10am her time 4pm my time  
Frank: yes  
Annie: are we discussing times still,  
Frank: sorta settled  
Annie: Jen have you considered a change or ?  
Frank: gave you the 10am slot  
Doos: you don't need to e-mail your questions, just the topic/chapter  
Frank: me and doos do midnight  
Jen: i will try to make it at that time  
Frank: merry kins get 3pm or 4pm  
Jen: oh ok doos  
Jen: i could send you the outline for my course  
Doos: or post it in the forum, so we can prepare  
Frank: be good to post it  
Annie: is it ok that everyone can make it  
Jen: which gives you my topics each week  
Frank: then I can think up related questions  
Jen: so should i just post my outline  
Doos: the forum would be better yes  
Frank: Yes we thought it gave eveyone the most chance Annie  
Doos: okay post the chapter you are working on in the forum  
Annie: Frank, how do you find ISG  
Frank: You almost got 8am  
Frank: but doos vetoed that as silly  
Jen: hah if i can find it again  
Frank: I'm working through it...It's fantastic value for money  
Annie: oh Yes, its great, isn't it  
Doos: frank: what are you doing? FGA?  
Frank: and the forum and chat are a great bonus  
Jen: help  
Frank: I'm probably going to do it at the start of the year  
Jen: i cannot find it  
Doos: find what jen?  
Annie: so this will kickstart you, Frank  
Frank: all my info is 20 years out of date  
Michael\_O\_Neill: best of luck to you Frank!  
Doos: my theory is 15 yo aswell  
Frank: so this can get my brain back into gems without paying out fortunes to the gem-A  
Annie: if these chats and the forum should get you well underway early start  
Frank  
Frank: Yes they are great  
Doos: annie: are you sleepy?  
Annie: wow, what a wonderful bunch we are  
Annie: yes, i slept for a while  
Annie: so i feel not so sleepy now  
Frank: Doos figured that....read the log...lol  
Doos: lol  
Annie: thanks, i can't help i am finding myself upside down with the times, lol  
Doos: next week you'll be fine again  
Frank: I've always imagined Aussies as standing upside down

Annie: is gemma going to make it tonight, Jen  
Jen: ok i will have to lookchapter to chapter and type it in  
Annie: Yes, sort of  
Doos: frank and I may be a bit liquored, but okay  
Jen: i thought i would just scan it  
Jen: ok so i would start from lesson 6 for topics  
Jen: hey michael  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Yes Jen?  
Annie: Michael, its so great to see you here too  
Jen: Doos and annie are planning to give a pop quiz for lesson 1-4  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Thank you, I always wanted to make it but never did!  
Jen: we are doing it tuesday  
Doos: Jen, you don't need to type everything .. just "optical properties" or something, so  
we can hit the books and prepare  
Jen: would you like to join and refressh  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Sure  
Frank: is this the GIA course?  
Doos: .. and help  
Jen: well doos did fga  
Jen: so he is going off fga for questions  
Jen: and we are doing CGA  
Doos: Annie did GAA  
Jen: what is that another sister to FGA  
Annie: Michael, what credentials have you  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Canadian Gemmological Association used to teach the Gem-A's preliminary  
year I understand  
Michael\_O\_Neill: As for credentials, I have none..... yet!!!!  
Jen: annie he is in the same course as me  
Jen: just way ahead of me lol  
Annie: ok, that is great  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I'm a timberland manager and have a degree in electronics technology  
Jen: but maybe the quizzes will help him refresh too  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Ha Ha  
Annie: so, michael, you are not related to Ryan O'Neil  
Michael\_O\_Neill: Absolutely  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I mean I'm not related  
Jen: what time did we agree on for tues  
Jen: 9am my time  
Annie )  
Doos: yes Jen  
Jen: ok  
Annie: hang on if i can get some of these smilies up  
Jen: just checking  
Frank: tuesday??...I'm lost now  
Annie:  
Jen: ok so next saturday is 4pm my time  
Jen: you will post that right DOos  
Jen: Doos  
Doos: frank: we are doing a periodic test then .. a private one  
Frank: ok  
Doos: yes Jen  
Jen: ok and i will post what my chapters are about

Jen: i think we should just start a topic in there regarding this chat  
Doos: Jen: only the one you are currently reading, not all  
Jen: oh ok  
Jen: well next week i start lesson 6  
Doos: which is?  
Jen: looking  
Jen: refraction and its measurement  
Doos: ah okay  
Jen: oh boy more fun stuff lol  
Doos: it goes faster than you thought huh Jen  
Jen: yeah it does  
Annie: i just wanna make sure something first Jen  
Jen: a lesson a week is actually going well fore most  
Jen: some take longer like ;esson2  
Jen: yes annie  
Annie: Jen, are you now fully ok with chapter 5 you had there regarding optical properties of light  
Jen: yes i am  
Michael\_O\_Neill: make sure you can draw a diagram of the refractometer, even a simple one.  
Annie: i mean you are happy with  
Jen: ok thanks michael  
Annie: yes  
Jen: is that in the questions  
Jen: or something they expect on exam that i do not know about  
Michael\_O\_Neill: My tutor just said that I will need to know it for the exam  
Doos: they can ask anything Jen  
Frank: can I ask a question regarding the optical properties of light  
Doos: sure  
Jen: ok thank goodness i can turn to you for stuff like that  
Annie: what michael means is that you need to be able to draw the refractometer with a stone on opical contact and show the path of light  
Jen: now i do not have a tutor  
Jen: maybe anything like that you could PM me on YG about  
Jen: it would help alot knowing i need to prepare for it  
Annie: of its reflection and refraction and the critical angle and how we perceive it to our eyes  
Michael\_O\_Neill: yes, thanks for clarifying annie  
Annie: Jen, this is why I say, have you fully understood that since you don't have a tutor  
Doos: are you typing Frank?  
Annie: its something we can do repeats on  
Frank: When they talk about light being travelling in different planes...do these relate to the optical planes only or does the light actually travel in all planes ie 360 degrees  
Jen: i understand lesson 5 yes  
Jen: refractometer carires on to lesson 6  
Doos: in all planes Frank  
Jen: so we will see what comes up  
Annie: yes Frank,  
Annie: fully planed in a full circle of 360

Jen: Doos you have a good idea as how to prep me for the e3xam too right  
Jen: or maybe should you and michael talk so you have a better idea  
Frank: thanks...I though so cos if only the optical planes it would be polarised.no  
Doos: you mean tuesday Jen?  
Jen: my typing sucks today  
Annie: yes  
Doos: indeed frank  
Annie: thats right Frank  
Jen: no i mean you have a good idea of what i should prepare for for the exams  
Frank: Thanks...I thought I had it right but wasn't certain  
Doos: yes Jen, learn everything by heart  
Jen: i think when i am ready and register for the exam they also send out info on some stuff too  
Jen: and there are preliminary exam samples in the back of peter read's gemmology  
Annie: yes  
Annie: page 334  
Annie: sorry 333 it starts  
Jen: oh mine is page 298  
Jen: do you have the second edition annie  
Annie: Jen, you told me you had the one with the Amethyst in front  
Doos: does anyone mind if this chat is logged?  
Frank: not me  
Annie: no objections  
Jen: no mine is what looks like sapphire  
Jen: it is the second edition  
Jen: it has a necklace and 2 stones beside it  
Annie: yes, sorry, i have the first  
Jen: i am being interupted here  
Annie: ok  
Jen: tanzanite srry on the fronty  
Jen: i can't type  
Annie: its fine  
Jen: had i looked closer i would have seen that  
Annie:  
Frank: On the book subject..I have B.W. Andersons gem testing ninth edition from 1988...I know I need to upgrade...should I get Peter read's book or go straight for websters  
Gems?...or both?  
Doos: sounds like you bought the wrong edition Annie, now you are stuck with a lousy amethyst  
Frank: lol  
Annie: i need an upgrade too then, lol  
Doos: both Frank, but Webster's first  
Jen: websters is expensive  
Doos: yah  
Frank: why...the gemA sat rad for foundation and webster for diploma  
Jen: i should go make breakfast  
Jen: so i will head off and talk toy ou later  
Annie: yes, you will need Webster for Diploma or 2nd year of gemmo  
Frank: bye jen

Jen: to you\*  
Doos: till soon Jen  
Jen: bye  
Annie: bye Jen  
Jen has left the room.  
Doos: you will want that book sooner or later  
Frank: is there anything in reads book that webster doesn't cover?  
Annie: Reads book is taken from Websters anyway Frank and it is a more simplified version  
Annie: i would recommend both of those book if you can for your course  
Frank: like my Anderson dinosaur  
Doos: most data is still good, you can upgrade with new publications  
Frank: Ok I'll go for both...what about a good book for specroscope samples  
Annie: in conjunction with Andersons, you will be fine  
Doos: like Hughes book on corundum  
Annie: The once with the preety spectra pages,  
Frank: YES  
Frank: sorry yes  
Annie: anderson and payne "the spectroscope and gemmology"  
Annie: only problem is they are black and white  
Frank: Good old Anderson and Payne...thanks Annie  
Annie: but richard liddicoats has in colour  
Frank: oh.... No colour books around  
Michael\_O\_Neill: I'm afraid my seven month old daughter has awakened and I must leave too.  
It has been fun thanks!  
Frank: See you Michael  
Doos: see you Michael  
Michael\_O\_Neill: bye  
Annie: Oh ok Michael - see you soon  
Michael\_O\_Neill has left the room.  
Frank: Is the Liddicoats book good?  
Annie: yes, thats a more practical book, if you do a lot of identification  
Annie: its good for applied practice  
Frank: Any other must have or would be nice to have books you can think of?  
Annie: i think thats plenty if you are starting Frank  
Doos: Gubelin's inclusions  
Frank: I've got gemstones of the world and gemological compedium  
Annie: yes, they are a must too  
Annie: you can never have enough books  
Frank: true whatever the books are about  
Annie: but don't overspend  
Doos: I almost went bankrubt on books  
Annie: gubelin's inclusions as Doos said  
Frank: No I wont I need to get a refractometer and polariscope as well  
Annie: is another fantastic book for prac also  
Frank: I'm not so much a beginner as a born again. I got into it years ago in East Africa  
Frank: But life has been busy for the last 15 years  
Doos: another globetrotter  
Annie: ok, so in the intermediate level - thats great  
Frank: Problem is I know a bit of outdated theory but all my practical experience has been  
with rough stones  
Doos: the theory is still the same as 20 years ago

Frank: I don't have any idea what they are worth cut  
Annie: outdated theory is always good, you need to refresh and add a little new  
ons  
Doos: gemmologists don't care about prices  
Frank: yes thats what I'm doing with theISG  
Frank: Gemmologists have to buy stones doos  
Doos: that's true  
Frank: I'm really enjoying it. I will probably do the gem-A course as well  
though I grudge  
the money just so I have some recognisable credentials  
Doos: is there an ATC nearby you?  
Frank: Dunno Paris I presume. Though My wifes mum lives in London so it's no  
prob to do the  
obligotary days there  
Doos: that will put you in topgear while studying  
Frank: One day practical for the foundation...Is this really enough?  
Annie: gee you guys are so close to everything there  
Doos: uhm  
Doos: depends Frank, if you can do the rest athome  
Frank: lol I live in the absolte depths of the French countryside annie...5  
miles to the  
nearest shop  
Annie: oops  
Frank: though thats nothing by your standards  
Frank: Australia is BIG  
Annie: yeah,  
Doos: I live 5 minutes walk from the nearest shop  
Frank: Hope to do most of it at home. But need to get some stone samples  
together  
Frank: I like the silitude  
Frank: solitude  
Doos: I love it during the holidays, but would go nuts otherwise  
Frank: Oh I went nuts ages ago