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Answers

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Maria	$2.5r$	=	r	•	2.5
Ali	$2(r+2)$	=	$r+2$	•	2

Maria → 8mph
Ali → 10 mph

$$\text{Maria's distance} = \text{Ali's distance}$$

$$2.5r = 2(r+2)$$

$$2.5r = 2r + 4$$

$$-2r \quad -2r$$

$$.5r = 4$$

$$r = 8$$

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	Distance	=	Rate	•	Time
Mr Amen	$12t$	=	12	•	t
Mr Richards	$15(t-.5)$	=	15	•	$t-.5$

Mr Richards left 1/2 hour later

$$\text{Mr. Amen's distance} = \text{Mr. Richards' distance}$$

$$12t = 15(t-.5)$$

$$12t = 15t - 7.5$$

$$-15t \quad -15t$$

$$-3t = -7.5$$

$$t = 2.5 \text{ hrs}$$

$$t = 2.5 \text{ hrs} \rightarrow 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ hrs after Mr Amen left}$$

$$= 9:00 \text{ am} + 2\frac{1}{2} \text{ hrs} = 11:30 \text{ am}$$

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DTW → MEM	$75t$	=	75	•	t
MEM → DTW	$60(9-t)$	=	60	•	$9-t$

$$\text{TOTAL TIME} = 9$$

$$\text{DTW} \rightarrow \text{MEM} + \text{MEM} \rightarrow \text{DTW} = 9$$

$$t + \text{MEM} \rightarrow \text{DTW} = 9$$

$$\text{MEM} \rightarrow \text{DTW} = 9-t$$

$$\text{DTW} \rightarrow \text{MEM distance} = \text{MEM} \rightarrow \text{DTW distance}$$

$$75t = 60(9-t)$$

$$75t = 540 - 60t$$

$$+60t \quad +60t$$

$$135t = 540 \quad t = 4$$

$$\text{DTW} \rightarrow \text{MEM} = 4 \text{ hrs}$$

$$\text{MEM} \rightarrow \text{DTW} = 9-4 = 5 \text{ hrs}$$