

History of Daylight Savings Time

1. Where are you from?
2. Where were you born?
3. Where did you live before moving to the USA?
4. What's your native country?
5. You come from _____, don't you?

The above questions are basically the same. Speak about them with your classmates and teacher.



Do all parts of your native country have the same time or do different parts of the country have different times?

How about the United States? Does every state have the same time?

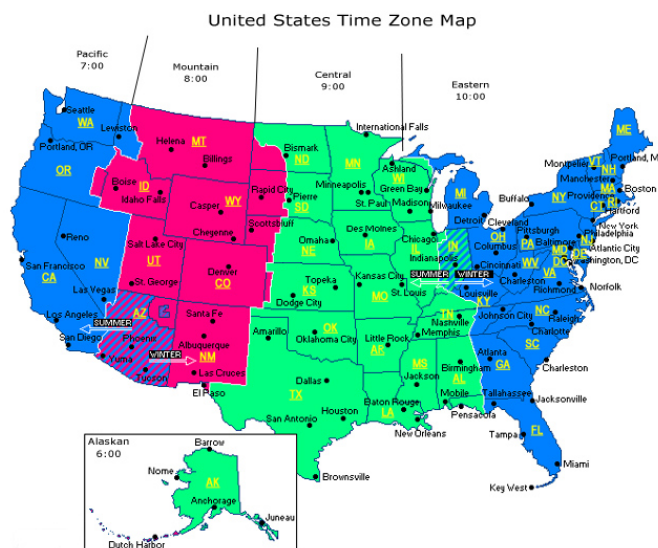
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[History of Daylight Savings Time | Bureau of Transportation Statistics \(bts.gov\)](http://bts.gov)

comes the following information. I did not change the ideas, but I tried to make it more interesting for you to read. Alessandro Massaro

Millions of people in the USA turn their clocks back one hour on the first Sunday of November. This started in 1966. This is the end of Daylight Savings Time, (DST). The history of DST is about transportation. The USA is a big country with 51 states and transportation can be very confusing. Transportation is about moving from one part of the country to another. How do people move from one part of the USA to another?

Many states in the USA want to keep DST all the time, but the United States Department of Transportation makes the final decision. The Department of Transportation began to have this power in 1966. Arizona and Hawaii are the only two states that do not follow DST.



The USA has four time zones, and they began in 1883. This idea came from the railroad companies because they did not want train crashes or confusion.

The idea of Daylight Savings Time began in 1883, but after World War I, DST was not followed by all 51 USA states. Each state made its own decision. There was a lot of confusion and many train accidents. DST came back, and it is with us now! Will it always be with us?



FALL BACK

SPRING FORWARD

EXERCISES

1. What happened?

- a. 1883 _____
- b. After WWI _____
- c. 1966 _____

2. Complete the chart.

PRESENT	PAST
1.	began
2.	came
3. do	
4. has	

5. have	
6.	made
7. speak	
8.	tried
9. turn	
10. want	

3. What do you think about DST?

Here is a YouTube video and it helps explain DST.

[Daylight Savings Time - Easy explanations for English language learners - YouTube](#)

Speak about the video with your classmates and teacher.

