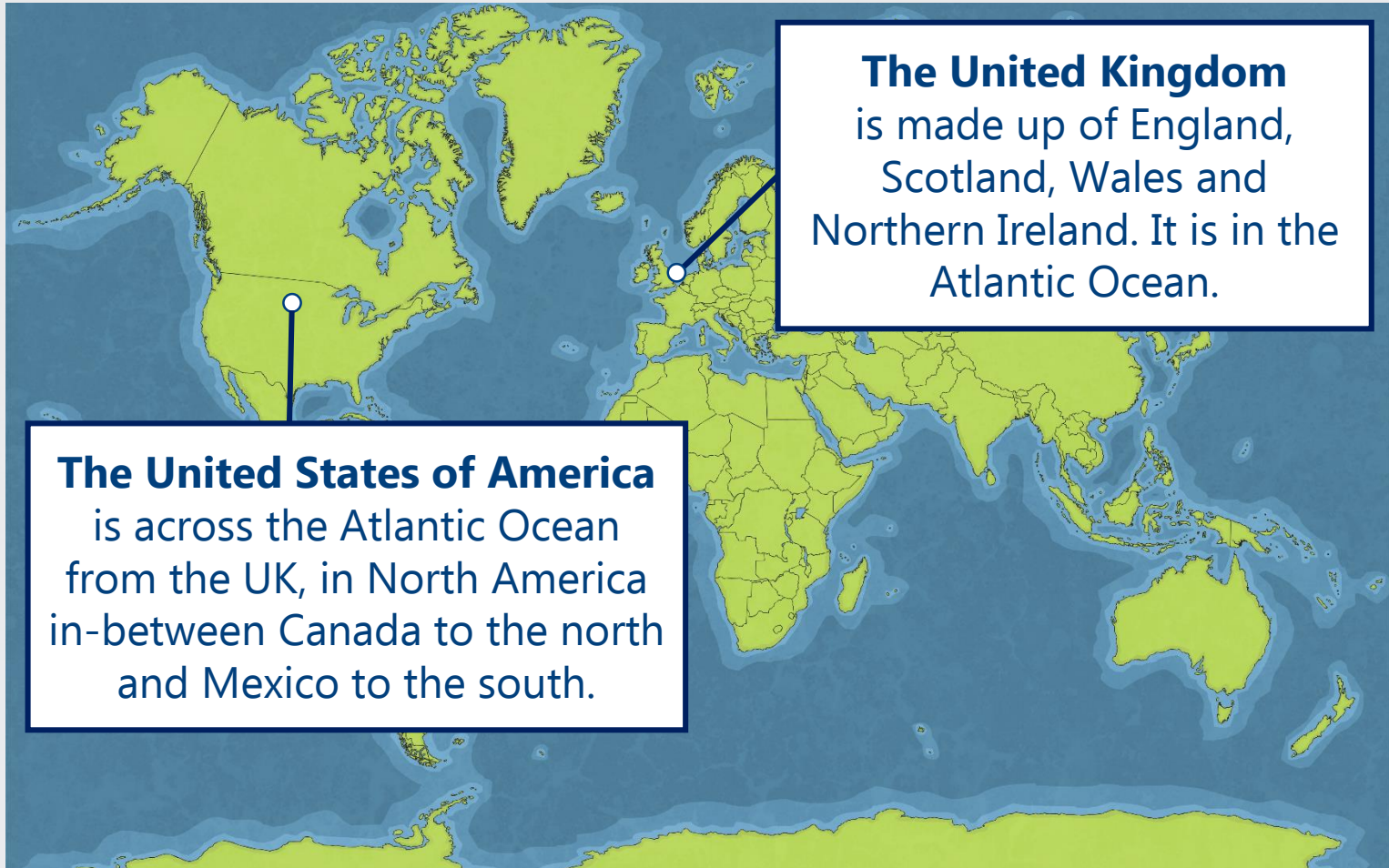


Comparing the USA and UK

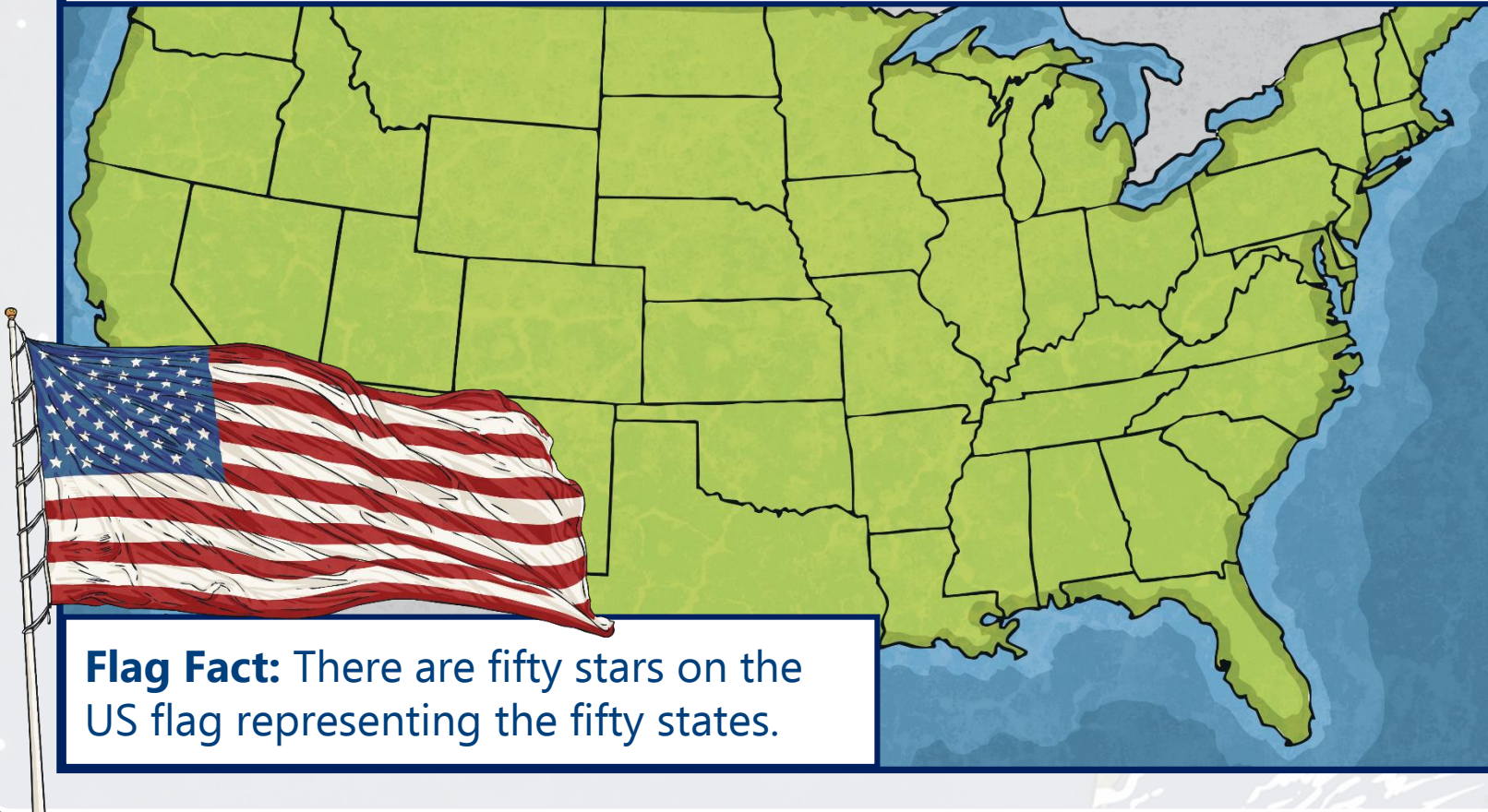


Where in the World?



The United States

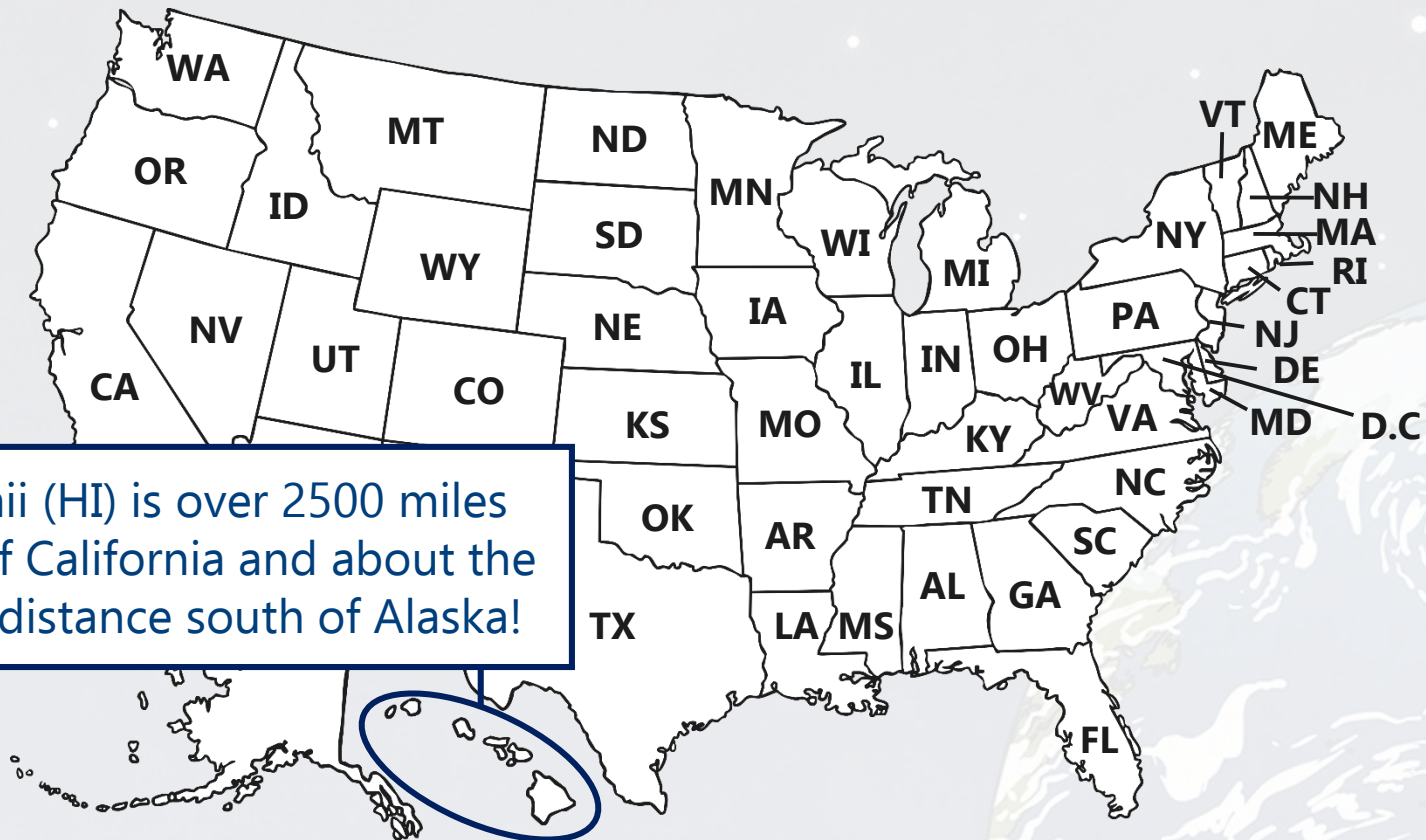
It is called the United States of America because the country is split into fifty different states (a bit like the counties we have in England).



Flag Fact: There are fifty stars on the US flag representing the fifty states.

The United States

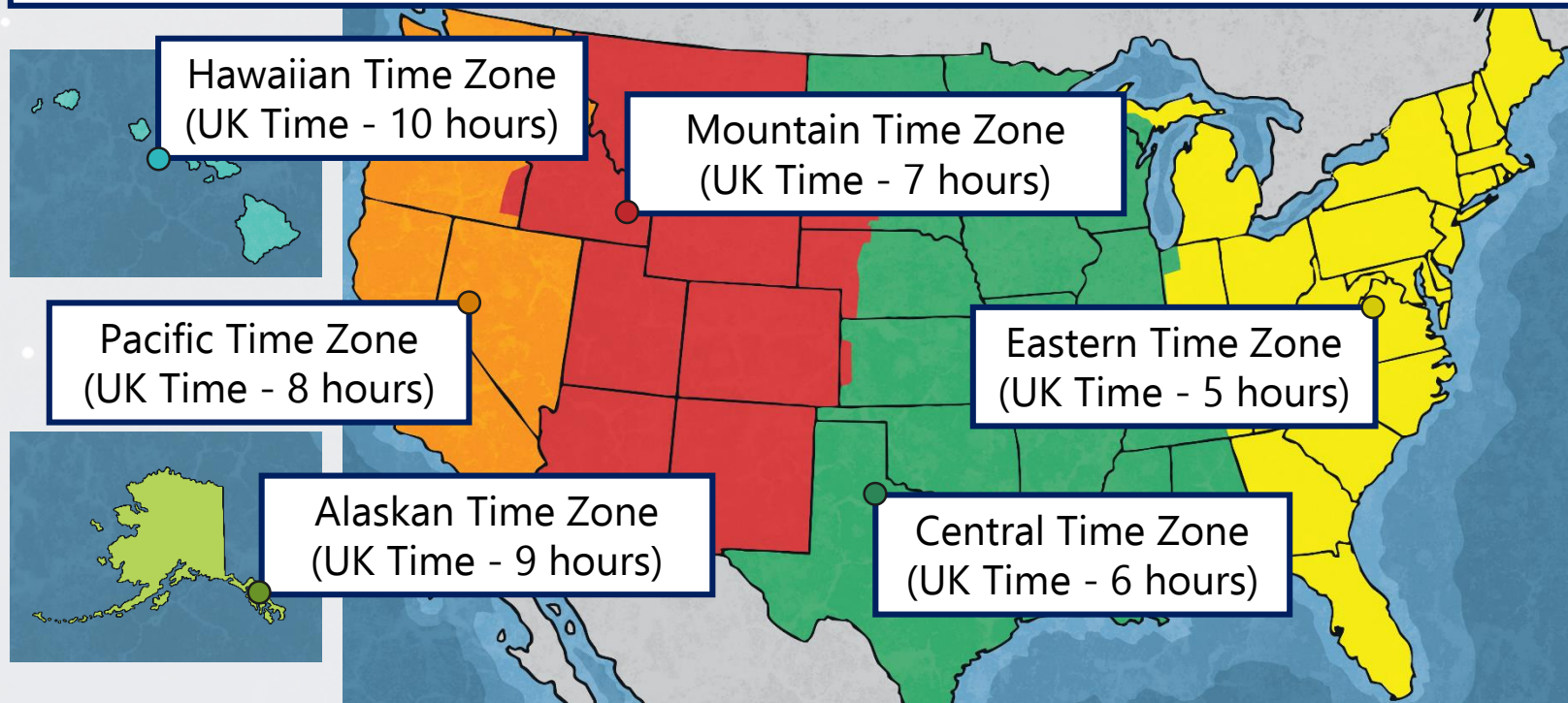
Each state has an abbreviation, such as TX for Texas (a bit like UK postcodes). Why not have a go at identifying them all?



Hawaii (HI) is over 2500 miles west of California and about the same distance south of Alaska!

Time Zones

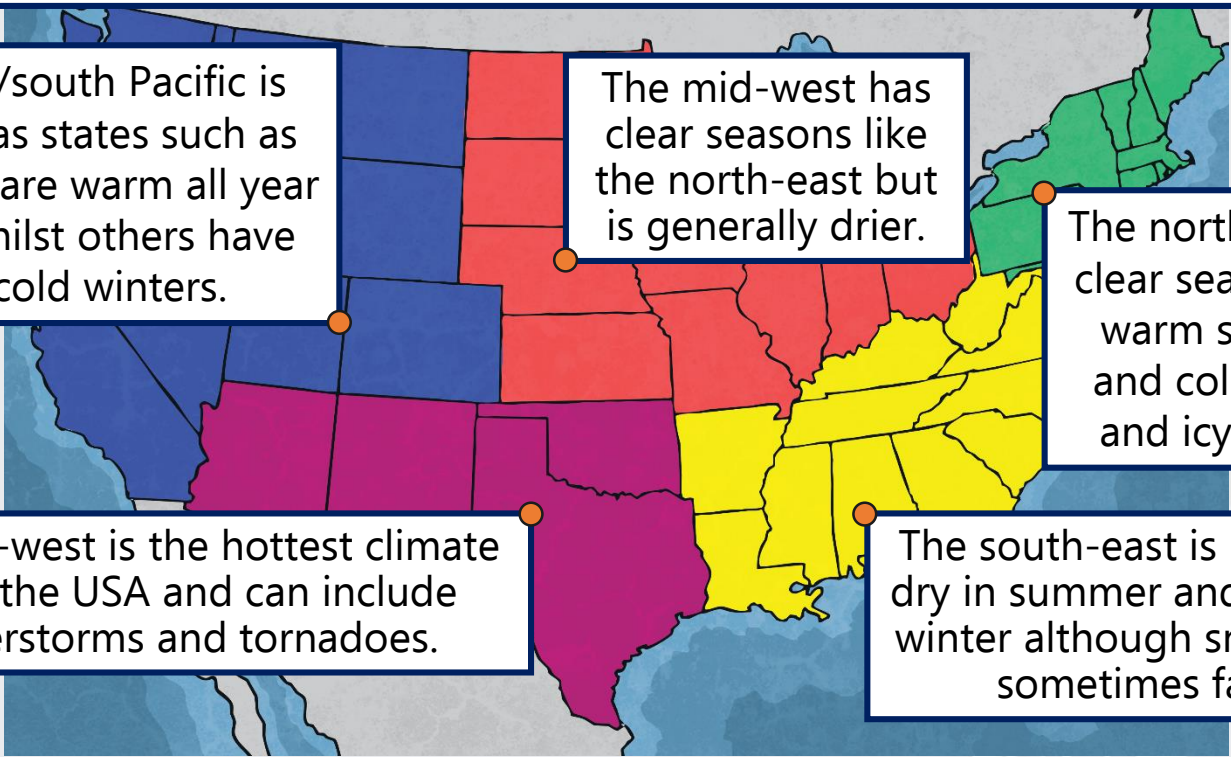
The large distance between the two countries means they are in different time zones. The USA is so vast that some states aren't in the same time zones.



Both the UK and USA have daylight saving times during the summer.

Climates in the USA

Like the UK, the USA is in the northern hemisphere and experience the seasons at the same time as us in the UK. However, the USA is so vast that it covers a range of different climate zones called regional climates.



The mid/south Pacific is variable as states such as California are warm all year round whilst others have very cold winters.

The mid-west has clear seasons like the north-east but is generally drier.

The north-east has clear seasons with warm summers and cold, snowy and icy winters.

The south-west is the hottest climate zone in the USA and can include thunderstorms and tornadoes.

The south-east is hot and dry in summer and mild in winter although snow can sometimes fall.

Climate in the UK

Compared to the USA, the UK is so small that it has the same climate everywhere, although it is often a bit warmer the further south you go.

- The UK has warm summers and cool winters. Summers are cooler than others in Europe but winters are milder.
- July and August are the warmest months in the UK.
- January and February are the coldest months.
 - The west of the UK is the wettest.
 - It rains throughout the year.



Average
Temperature:

9.3°C



Life in the USA

Look at these pictures of life in the USA and compare them to what you know about the UK.



English Words

English is the most common language in both countries, but there are some differences between UK English and US English. Can you guess the hidden words below?

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trash

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sneakers

holidays

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car bonnet

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faucet

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sidewalk

car boot

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jelly

car fuel

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