

l'ora legale | daylight saving time



Because this weekend was the end of daylight saving time in Italy, I felt that a supplement was needed. Daylight saving time is known as *l'ora legale* in Italian. When daylight saving time ends in October, *l'ora solare* returns.

Daylight saving time restarts on March 25, 2012 in Italy (don't forget, in the United States, daylight saving time starts a week later!

If you want to learn more about daylight saving time in Italy, **check out the Wikipedia article in Italian on the subject** and see if there are any other words and expressions that you can learn.

Vocabolario

l'ora legale | *daylight saving time*

l'ora solare | *solar time, standard time* (when daylight saving time ends and our clocks move back)

l'orologio, gli orologi* | *clock, clocks, watch*

l'orologio portatile da polso | *wrist watch*

l'orologio portatile da taschino (also known as **una cipolla or l'orologio a cipolla**) | *pocket watch*
*also, **l'orologio** can also mean watch

la lancetta, le lancette | *hand, hands* (on a clock)

avanti | ahead, forward; can also mean 'fast':
Il mio orologio è **avanti** di dieci minuti.
My watch is 10 minutes fast.

indietro | *back*; can also mean 'slow':
Il mio orologio è **indietro** di cinque minuti.
My watch is 5 minutes slow.

portare l'orologio avanti di un'ora | *to turn the clock forward an hour, to turn the clock ahead an hour*

spostare (in) avanti le lancette dell'orologio/degli orologi | *to turn/to move the clock forward an hour*

portare l'orologio indietro di un'ora | *to turn/to move the clock back an hour*

spostare indietro le lancette dell'orologio/degli orologi | *to turn the clock back an hour*

Other time expressions:

avere le ore contate: *to live on borrowed time*

in punto: *sharp or on the dot*

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