

The United States

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Exercise 1

Fill the gaps by choosing the correct word from the box below. There are fifteen words but only twelve gaps.

rich	write	singers	astronaut	sea
dessert	use	species	has	million
mammal	higher	area	independent	cities

The United States became an (1) country in the eighteenth century.
More than 400 (2) of (3) live in the United States.
The population of the United States in 1900 was approximately 76 (4)which is less than 30% of what it is now.
The United States is the third biggest country in the world – only Russia and Canada cover a larger (5)
Life expectancy in the United States is (6) than in most other countries.
New York has the biggest population of all the (7) in the United States.
Apple pie and baseball are not just a (8) and a sport: they are symbols of the United States.
Most adults in the United States (9) the internet, and at least fifteen million of them (10) an internet blog.
Neil Armstrong, a famous American (11), was the first person to set foot on the moon.
Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson and Madonna are just three of the famous pop (12) who were born in the United States.

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Exercise 2

Can you match the numbers in the first column of the table with the items in the second column?

70	The year the United States became independent from Britain.			
78	The approximate number of species of bird that live in the United States.			
301,000,000	The approximate area of the United States, in square kilometres.			
1994	The percentage of people living in the United States who were born outside the country.			
1776	The approximate population of the United States.			
9,600,000	The year the football World Cup took place in the United States.			
1969	The year President George W Bush was born.			
4	The year the United States entered the Second World War.			
11	The approximate percentage of Americans who use the internet.			
1946	Average life expectancy in the United States.			
700	The number of cities in the United States with a population of more than 2 million.			
1941	The year Neil Armstrong became the first man to set foot on the moon.			



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Exercise 3

Decide if the following statements about the United States are true (T) or false (F), then bet a minimum of 10 points up to a maximum of 50 on your choice.

		T/F	Points	Points	Points
			bet	lost	won
1	Los Angeles has the second biggest population				
	of all the cities in the United States.				
2	A British person could write the words				
	'colour' and 'centre', but an American would				
	spell both of them differently.				
3	Average life expectancy in the United States is				
	now about 30 years more than it was in 1900.				
4	George W. Bush became president of the				
	United States in 2003.				
5	San Francisco, Toronto, Miami and Houston				
	are all cities in the United States.				
6	There are three different colours on the flag of				
	the United States: red, white and blue.				
7	The list of famous singers from the United				
	States includes Madonna, Elvis Presley, Frank				
	Sinatra, Bob Dylan and Kurt Cobain.				
8	There are approximately 500 species of insect				
	in the United States.				
9	The New York Yankees are an American				
	baseball team.				
10	The expression 'OK' came from the United				
	States.				
	Total points lost and won				
	Final total (subtract total points lost from total points won)				