

# The United States of America

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- 1 *country, rivers, mountains, the population, cities, houses, cars, dreams, national sports*
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| Africa ✓  | African ✓  |
| America ✓ | American   |
| Asia      | Asian      |
| Bahamas ✓ | Bahamian   |
| Britain ✓ | British ✓  |
| Canada ✓  | Canadian   |
| Holland   | Dutch ✓    |
| England ✓ | English ✓  |
| Europe ✓  | European ✓ |
| France ✓  | French     |
| India ✓   | Indian ✓   |
| Italy ✓   | Italian ✓  |
| Spain ✓   | Spanish ✓  |
- 3 1 7 million, 2 44<sup>th</sup>, 3 over 35 million, 4 16 percent, 5 300 million, 6 2 million, 7 310, 8 2 percent, 9 75 percent, 10 5 percent, 11 16 percent, 12 1.7 percent, 13 1.7 percent, 14 2.5 million, 15 140 million, 16 8 million, 17 75 percent, 18 14, 19 17, 20 \$65,000, 21 \$35,693, 22 \$9.04, 23 \$5.15, 24 17,075, 25 62 percent
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- a *Independence Day*  
 When: 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
 What it celebrates: the Declaration of Independence  
 How it is celebrated: spending time with family and friends; firework displays in big cities
- b *Thanksgiving Day*  
 When: the fourth Thursday in November  
 What it celebrates: the harvest festival  
 How it is celebrated: people eat a turkey dinner with their families
- c *Christmas*  
 When: December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 What it celebrates: the birth of Jesus Christ  
 How it is celebrated: people send each other cards; put presents under the tree; eat a meal; decorate their homes and business with colored lights and decorations
- d *New Year's Eve*  
 When: December 31<sup>st</sup>  
 What it celebrates: the end of the past year and the start of the New Year  
 How it is celebrated: a ball is dropped from a flagpole at Times Square in New York City

- e Super Bowl Sunday  
When: in January or early February  
What happens: the two best American football teams play against each other; people watch the game and famous singers entertain people in the stadium
- f Groundhog Day  
When: February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
What it celebrates: the end of the winter  
How it is celebrated: people go to Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to watch the groundhog's message
- g Valentine's Day  
When: February 14<sup>th</sup>  
What it celebrates: love and marriage  
How it is celebrated: people buy flowers and chocolates for the person they love; children give valentine cards to their special friends in school
- h Easter  
When: on a Sunday in March or April  
How it is celebrated: children look for their Easter baskets full of chocolate animals and chocolate eggs; at the White House families are invited to play games outside on the grass
- i Memorial Day  
When: the last Monday in May  
What it celebrates: the men and women who have died fighting for their country  
How it is celebrated: there are parades in towns and cities
- j Labor Day  
When: the first Monday in September  
What happens: people do not go to work; there are parades and picnics; people go to the beach
- k Halloween  
When: October 31<sup>st</sup>  
What happens: children wear special clothes; play "trick or treat"; people decorate their houses with jack-o-lanterns
- l Columbus Day  
When: the second Monday in October  
Who and what it celebrates: the life of the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus and the discovery of America
- m Presidents' Day  
When: the third Monday in February  
Who it celebrates: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln
- n Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
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How it is celebrated: people work for free in their community; people go to church and hold parades
- o St. Patrick's Day  
When: March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Who and what it celebrates: St Patrick and Irish culture  
How it is celebrated: parades, music, and dancing; people wear green clothes, drink green drinks and eat green food
- p Cinco de Mayo  
When: 5<sup>th</sup> of May  
What it celebrates: Mexico's independence and culture  
How it is celebrated: people eat Mexican food; there is music and dancing

5 1 *Chicago*, 2 Washington D.C., 3 Boston, 4 New York City, 5 Manhattan

6 The true sentences are: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15

7 1 c, 2 b, 3 a, 4 d, 5 d, 6 c, 7 b, 8 a, 9 b, 10 d

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Yellowstone National Park	The Grand Canyon	Yosemite National Park	The Everglades
<i>grizzly bears</i> wolves bison moose elk coyotes	<i>1,500 plant species</i> 355 different kinds of bird 17 types of fish	<i>sequoia trees</i>	<i>frogs</i> crocodiles alligators raccoons opossums foxes deer

9 1 s, 2 z, 3 z, 4 s, 5 s, 6 z, 7 z, 8 s, 9 z, 10 s, 11 z, 12 s, 13 z, 14 s, 15 s

10 1 o, 2 k, 3 d, 4 e, 5 a, 6 i, 7 g, 8 n, 9 f, 10 h, 11 l or m, 12 m or l, 13 j, 14 c, 15 b

11 1 *Indianapolis Colts*

2 Miami Dolphins

3 Carolina Panthers

4 Arizona Cardinals

5 Pittsburgh Steelers

6 New Hampshire Freedom

7 Philadelphia Firebirds

8 Houston Energy

9 California Quake

12 1 *baseball*, 2 basketball, 3 soccer, 4 soccer, 5 ice hockey, 6 baseball, 7 basketball, 8 ice hockey, 9 baseball

13 1 *j* *young boy*

2 *d* age 21/1928

3 *g* November 1928

4 *b* between 1928 and 1932

5 *e* 1932

6 *f* 1937

7 *c* after 1937

8 *a* by 1940

9 *h* 1950s

10 *i* 1966

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- 1 *the colonists in Jamestown, Virginia*
  - 2 apple trees
  - 3 in Kentucky
  - 4 "King of the Wild Frontier"
  - 5 an actor called John Wilkes Booth
  - 6 The USA was going through the Great Depression.
  - 7 December 1, 1955
  - 8 He swam through dangerous water and helped other men to get to land.
  - 9 He was the first American to go into space.
  - 10 He was the first person to use an assembly line.
  - 11 a vaccine against polio
  - 12 Captain America
  - 13 freedom and the American Dream
  - 14 about \$61 billion
  - 15 25/twenty-five
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- 1 *spends*, 2 happen, 3 are, 4 are, 5 is expected, 6 will tell, 7 is, 8 will use, 9 find out, 10 is, 11 will not have, 12 write, 13 live, 14 will not (only) be, 15 change