

# American Life

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## While reading

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1 Complete the sentences. Then write the numbers.

states Washington Britain

- a The year the US wins the war against (1) ..... + the number of (2) ..... in the new country = the year that (3) ..... becomes president. .... + ..... = .....

British first west wins Sioux Britain

- b the year the US (1) ..... the war against Britain + the year Washington becomes the (2) ..... president – the year people from (3) ..... come to America – the number of (4) ..... people that come to America – (the number of (5) ..... who died at Wounded Knee ÷ 5) = the year that Jefferson buys land in the (6) .....  
 ..... + ..... – ..... – ..... –  
 (..... ÷ 5) = .....

2 The answers are words or phrases from the book. What are they?

- a a month + a living thing = .....
- b a king + a place = .....
- c the opposite of “hot” + the opposite of “peace” = .....
- d the place where we live + a job = .....

3 What is the correct answer?

- a There is a 520-meter-tall tower in .....  
 1) Illinois.  
 2) New York State.
- b The state with the largest number of people is in the .....  
 1) east.  
 2) west.
- c Washington DC, the country’s center of government, is in the .....  
 1) east.  
 2) west.

- d The state of Washington is in the .....  
 1) east.  
 2) west.

4 Write the numbers from the box in the right place.

4000 2 13 3200 3 11

- a How many hours difference is there between the East and the West? .....
- b How many kilometers are there between the Atlantic and Pacific ocean? .....
- c How many people live in 1 km<sup>2</sup> in Alaska? .....
- d How many kilometers is it from California to Hawaii? .....
- e How many states were there when Washington was the president of the US? .....
- f How many states are not next to the others? .....

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5 Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)? Is it the same (=) in your country, or is it different (≠)?

- a Some stores are always open.
- b There are many Mexican, Italian and Asian restaurants in the United States.
- c You can buy an average house for \$100,000.
- d Americans often go to shopping centers.
- e More than half the people are fat.

6 Which is the right word in each sentence? Complete the puzzle.

Across

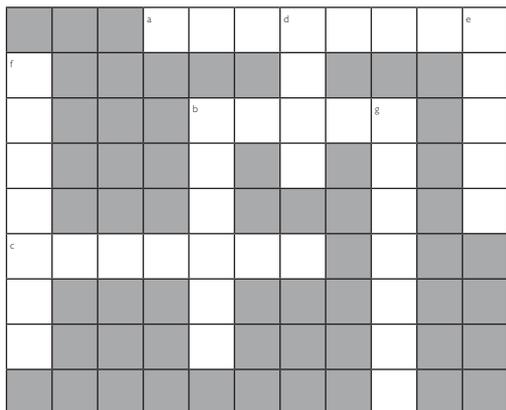
- a Marcos knows American ... because he saw it in a movie.
- b Marcos can see the ... Tower.
- c In the first picture Marcos is at the ...

Down

- b Marcos and Kelly go to ...
- d The boys in blue and yellow are in the school’s football ...
- e Marcos arrives in the United States and goes to school two days ...
- f Marcos arrives in the city of ...
- g Kelly can drive because she is ...

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**7 Complete the sentences.**  
 Some immigrants come to the United States because they have **(a)** ..... in their countries; others come because they want to have a big **(b)** ....., a big **(c)** ..... and a lot of **(d)** ..... But life in the US is **(e)** ..... Some immigrants have to **(f)** ..... a lot and get very little **(g)** .....

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**8 What happens first? What happens next? Write the numbers 1–5.**

- a  American Football started.
- b  NASCAR was born.
- c  The “Dream Team” played in the Olympics.
- d  An African-American played in a big baseball team for the first time.
- e  An American teacher invented a game with a ball and a basket.

**9 a Look at the pictures on page 15. Write the words in the box next to the right sport.**

pitcher posts bat field stick  
 hitter goal court glove basket  
 quarterback net puck

- 1 baseball: .....
- 2 American football: .....
- 3 basketball: .....
- 4 hockey: .....
- b Which words in the box are names of players?  
 .....

**10 Answer the questions.**

- Which is the sport that ...
- a started in 1948?  
 .....
  - b Native Americans played?  
 .....

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**11 Find in the book.**

- a a country that makes more movies per year than the United States: .....
- b the name of the first film with sound:  
 .....
- c a very famous movie from 1933:  
 .....
- d a famous country singer: .....
- e a woman with 32 songs in the top ten:  
 .....

**12 Make the letters into words and write them in the right sentences.**

- aegerva lothsec sainlam octryun ntiat  
 urhchc ofod
- a ..... made a lot of money.
  - b The movie companies make money with movies, books, food, and .....
  - c Faith Hill is a ..... singer.
  - d The ..... American watches television 3.59 hours a day.
  - e Some TV channels have shows only about ..... or .....

**13 Correct the mistake.**

- a The makers of King Kong used computers for the movie.  
 .....
- b After 1910, movie makers moved to New York because they liked its weather.  
 .....
- c Los Angeles is the center of country music.  
 .....
- d In the 1950s, television only showed Elvis Presley's face.  
 .....

**14 Complete the sentences.**

Marcos is in the school's **(a)** ..... because he is **(b)** ..... He has a **(c)** ..... on Friday night. The game is on **(d)** ..... Marcos's team **(e)** ..... the game in the last minute. He feels very **(f)** .....

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### 1 Find the mistake.

- a Black Elk's people's dream is about a big house, a big car, and a lot of money.
- b California is the biggest state in the United States.
- c New England and the first 13 states are the same.
- d The slaves in the south were American "Indians".
- e The Midwest is very hot and dry.
- f The oldest states are in the southeast.

### 2 What happens first? What happens next? Write numbers 1–5.

- a  There are no more slaves.
- b  George Washington is president.
- c  There is a war between the North and the South.
- d  Asian and Hispanic immigrants come to the US.
- e  Americans start going to the West.

### 3 Write words from the box in the sentences.

money dream church house dream  
Native Americans car

In 1620, English people came to America because in America their (a) ..... could be free. These people killed many (b) ..... when they started going to the west. The Sioux's (c) ..... died and the American (d) ..... was born. This means a big (e) ....., a big (f) ....., and a lot of (g) .....

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### 4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a In the 1700s there weren't many Hispanic or Asian people in the United States.
- b Today, most Asian and Hispanic immigrants live in the east.
- c Great Britain gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States.
- d People go to the United States because life is easy.
- e The average week at work is the same as in most European countries.

### 5 Write words from the box in the sentences.

drive family films Chicago car

Marcos is going to stay with Kelly's (a) ..... for six months. Kelly lives in (b) ..... Marcos and Kelly go to school by (c) ..... Kelly can (d) ..... because she is sixteen. Marcos knows the Sears Tower and American football because he saw them in (e) .....

## Pages 12–19

### 6 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

In the United States: ...

- a cars can drive as fast as they want.
- b many people go to work by bus or train.
- c people do not like big cars.
- d some rich people pay the police to watch their small towns.
- e many people have guns.
- f white people have fewer problems with the police than African-Americans.

### 7 Choose the right answer.

- a Some people think that in the future there will be two countries because there are differences between .....
  - 1) the North and the South.
  - 2) the rich and the poor.
  - 3) men and women.
- b After the year 2000, the number of crimes .....
  - 1) grew.
  - 2) fell every year.
  - 3) stayed the same.
- c In most states .....
  - 1) it is easy to buy a gun.
  - 2) it is difficult to buy a gun.
  - 3) it isn't possible to buy a gun.
- d Martin Luther King Jr's dream .....
  - 1) died with him.
  - 2) lives because some people work for it.
  - 3) is real today.

## Pages 20–26

### 8 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a Some American movies are more popular in other countries than in the United States.
- b Before 1910 movie makers worked in New York.
- c Everybody loved Elvis Presley in the 1950s.
- d Today, only a few cities have country music radio stations.
- e Ordinary people can go to *The Jerry Springer Show*.

### 9 Write the month for each holiday.

- January July October November
- a Thanksgiving .....
  - b The start of the United States .....
  - c Halloween .....
  - d Martin Luther King Jr's birthday .....