

1 Read the text. Tick (✓) the things that it mentions.

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| an American computer | ☐ | an American TV programme | ☐ |
| an American state | ☐ | an American sport | ☐ |
| an American university | ☐ | an American singer | ☐ |
| an American president | ☐ | an American cinema | ☐ |

A *computer geek* is someone who loves computers, but what's a *gleek*? A combination of *glee* and *geek*, this new word is slang for someone who loves watching the American TV programme *Glee*. That's a comedy about a 'glee club' in a fictional high school in Ohio. So, do you usually watch *Glee*? Are you a *gleek*?

A glee club is a musical group or 'show choir', and many schools in the USA have one in real life. Members of a glee club usually meet after school to sing and dance together. They can compete in regional and

national competitions, too. These days, glee clubs are extremely popular. Thanks to the TV show, American teenagers think it's a cool thing to do.

Glee clubs aren't new in the USA. In fact, Harvard University's glee club is over 150 years old. But that glee club is a traditional choir for men, as in the past. Today's high-school glee clubs are very different. They're mixed, and their members sing well-known songs like Beyoncé's 'Single ladies', and they dance at the same time.

