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…… United States of America

The official name of the country is ……. United States of America. It's also called …….. USA, …… US, or sometimes simply …… America.

The country consists ……. 50 states. The forty-eight adjoining states are known …….. Mainland USA. The two other states are ……. Alaska and ……. Hawaii. Mainland America is located in the central part of …….. North American continent and shares a land border …….. …… Canada to …….. north, and ……. Mexico to …… south. …….. Alaska is a separate state which is situated in the far north-west of …….. North America. It is bordered …….. ……. Canada to …… east. …….Hawaii is …….. only state not located on the continent of …… North America. It is located in ……. Pacific Ocean and consists …… approximately 132 islands.

……. USA is surrounded …….. ……. Atlantic Ocean in ……. east and …….. Pacific Ocean in …….. west.

Over 320 million people live there. They are Americans. For a long time, ……USA has been a place where lots …….. people ran away to from persecution for political or religious beliefs in their native countries. That's why there are practically all racial and national groups in …… America. It's multinational and …… third largest country by population.

It's interesting that …….. United States has no official language. Although, …… English is …… most commonly spoken language.

One of the nicknames for ……. USA flag is the Stars and Stripes. The 50 stars – white in the blue field – represent the current 50 states, the 13 stripes represent the 13 original British colonies. The colonies were originally controlled by …… UK. But on the 4th of July 1776 the Declaration of Independence was issued, establishing ……United States of America. It made the country independent …….. ……. UK. Since then Americans celebrate Independence Day on the 4th of July.

The capital of …….. United States is named in honour of ……. first president whose name was George Washington. It is Washington, D.C. The abbreviation D.C. stands …….. District of Columbia. It is neither a state nor a city. It is a territory.

Note that there is a difference between Washington and Washington, D.C., because …… first one is a state in the north-west of …….. USA whereas Washington, D.C. is a territory where the president of …… United States and many federal government offices are located.

…… President, elected by the whole nation for four years, is both the head of state and the head of government.

The currency of …… United States is the US dollar.

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