SESSION N°4: THE USA AND THE UK: LET'S READ, COMPARE AND THINK!

Reading

2 Read the text.



The USA

The United States of America is located between two oceans. There are fifty states in the USA, and its capital is Washington, D.C. There many famous cities in the USA: New York, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago and Los Angeles.

People speak English in the USA. Many others speak Spanish. There are also native American tribes like Cherokee, the Sioux and the Navajo.

Young people in the USA like fast food, they also cook. They enjoy driving their cars and being with friends. They like to watch comedies. They usually live in rented apartments.

The UK

The United Kingdom is in the northwest of Europe. There are four countries in the United Kingdom: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. London is the capital of England.

People in the UK speak English, but in Wales some people speak Welsh; in Scotland, Scottish; and in Northern Ireland, Irish.

Young people in the UK like fast food, and, of course, tea. They like to go shopping, to listen to European music, to take trips all over the country, to play rugby, to watch soccer games and to go to pubs.

They are friendly and usually live in apartments without their parents, or they live in the campus dormitories of their universities.



Capacity 1: Obtains information from the written text

Read and write T (True) or F (False).

1. There are fifty states in the USA.
2. London is the capital of the USA.
3. In Wales, some people speak Welsh.
4. Young people in the UK don't like tea.

Answer the questions with short answers.

1. What is the capital of the USA? _____
2. How many countries are in the United Kingdom? _____
3. What do young people in the USA like to watch? _____

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Write USA, UK or BOTH.

1. Young people like fast food. _____
2. Young people like to play rugby. _____
3. Young people like to watch comedies. _____

Capacity 2: Infers and interprets information from the written text

Circle the correct option (a, b or c).

1. "Many others speak Spanish" in the USA. This means...

a) only English is spoken in the USA.

b) there are many Spanish-speaking people in the USA.

c) nobody speaks Spanish in the USA.

2. Young people in the UK go shopping, play rugby and go to pubs. They probably...

a) like staying at home alone.

b) like spending time outside and with other people.

c) don't like sports.

3. In the text, "campus dormitories" are...

a) rooms for university students.

b) places to buy food.

c) places to watch soccer.

4. Why do some young people in the UK live in dormitories?

a) Because they are on vacation.

b) Because they study at a university.

c) Because they don't like apartments.

5. "They are friendly." The word "friendly" is similar to...

a) nice.

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b) tired.

c) serious.

6. The picture of the teapot and the cup is related to...

a) young people in the USA.

b) young people in the UK and their love of tea.

c) the capital of England.

Capacity 3: Reflects on and evaluates the form, content and context of the written text

Circle the correct option.

1 What type of text is it?

a) A story

b) An informative text

c) A letter

2 Why does the text have two columns, "The USA" and "The UK"?

a) To compare the two countries.

b) To tell a story about one person.

c) To give a recipe.

3 Do the pictures (flags, food, tea, buildings) help you understand the text?

a) Yes, because they show ideas from the text.

b) No, because they are not related to the text.

c) No, because they are too small.

Give your opinion. Write 1 or 2 simple sentences.

Which country do you want to visit, the USA or the UK? Why?

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