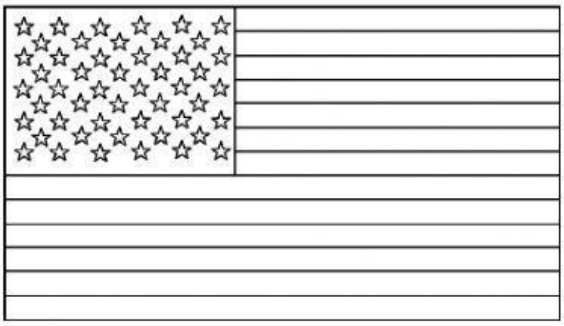
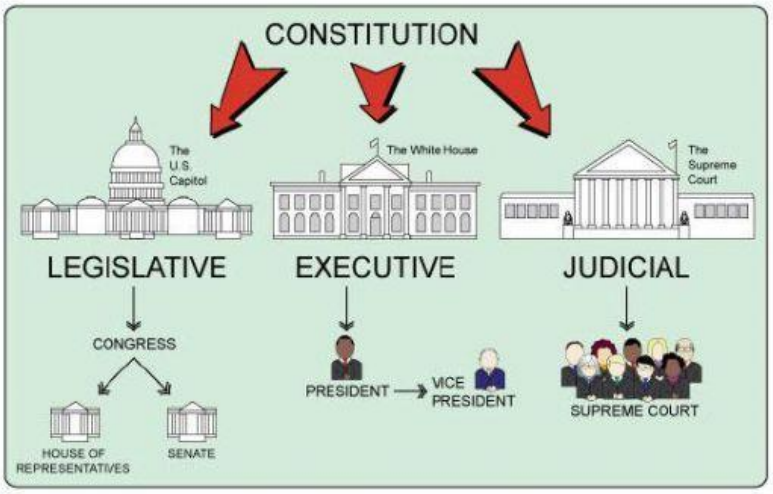
# The United States of America

## Basic facts about the United States of America

The USA is made up of ____ states and a **federal district** (District of Columbia). Two states, A_____ and H_____, are not directly **attached to** the continental US. It is the third most populated country in the _____, with more than 300 million **inhabitants**. The main spoken _____ in the United States is English, but in many areas Spanish is _____.






## The American system of government

The US is a f_ _ _ _ _ _ state also called a u _ _ _ _ of self-governing states united by a **central government**. The head of each state is the **governor**.

The **federal government** c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ of **3 branches**. The law-making or **legislative power** is concentrated in C _ _ _ _ _ _ _ which is divided into the S _ _ _ _ _ and the H _ _ _ _ of **Representatives**. There are 435 members in the House of Representatives and 100 senators, _ from each state. The president **is the head of** the **e** _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ **power** represented by the federal government. The S_ _ _ _ _ _ Court holds **judicial power**.

## American history

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| 1 | The US gained its independence from Britain | ☐ from 1861–1865 |
| 2 | The American Civil War was fought | ☐ on December 7, 1941 |
| 3 | The US suffered from a terrorist attack | ☐ on 4 July, 1776 |
| 4 | the US entered into the Second World War | ☐ on September 11, 2001 |




☐ and it is now celebrated as **Independence Day** also called the Fourth of July.

☐ during which the World Trade Towers in New York City were completely destroyed and the Pentagon in Washington, DC was severely damaged.

☐ 11 Southern **slave-keeping states** declared their separation from the US and formed **the Confederacy**. They fought against the Northern States also known as **the Union** - the states where slavery had been abolished.

☐ after the surprise Japanese attack on the US Naval base in **Pearl Harbour**, Hawaii

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## Geographical features

The US is located on the continent of North America. The bordering states are _ _ _ _ _ _ in the north and _ _ _ _ _ _ in the south. The US is a country of various _____and geographical features. The _____ Mountains cross from the west to the centre of the country. The highest mountain in the US is _____ McKinley (6,194 m) in _____. The _____ Lakes – Huron, _____, Michigan, Erie and Superior – are found on the US border with Canada. The Grand Canyon is a large canyon _____in Arizona.

landscapes Alaska Great Rocky system Mount Ontario

- is nicknamed "the **Sunshine State**" and is known for the **spacecraft launchings** from Cape Canaveral
- is the **most populous** state with the famous cities of **San Francisco** and **Los Angeles**; it is also known for its dessert valley called the **Death Valley**
- is the **largest** state and has the **longest coastline** in the US and it **doesn't border with the rest of the states**
- state located in the **southern region** with the largest city **New Orleans** of which eighty percent (80%) was flooded by Hurricane Katrina in 2005
- the only U.S. state located **in Oceania** and **made up entirely of islands** with the capital **Honolulu**

➢ assign the **individual states** in the pictures to the definitions
















## famous cities in the USA

1 Washington, DC
2 Detroit
3 New York City
4 Los Angeles
5 New Orleans
6 Atlanta
7 Dallas







- ☐ the largest city by population; an important centre of business, finance and art
- ☐ the capital city
- ☐ renowned for films and the famous actors
- ☐ the Kennedy Assassination on November 22, 1963 took place here
- ☐ known as the birthplace of jazz and as the centre of French-American culture.
- ☐ in Georgia, is the birthplace of Coca Cola and CNN
- ☐ city famous for auto industry in Michigan













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## American sports and pastimes

B _ _ _ _ _ _ _ is called America's favourite **pastime**. It is a bat-and-ball sport. A person hits a ball thrown at them and tries to run around a **playing field** called a diamond. A_ _ _ _ _ _ _ f _ _ _ _ _ _ _ requires players to run with **an egg-shaped ball** over the line of the opposition. Players wear **protective padding** and **helmets**. Another popular sport is b _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _. The **aim of the game** is to throw a ball through a basket.

**pastime** Brit /ˈpɑːsˌtaɪm/ Am /ˈpæsˌtaɪm/

- something that you do regularly for fun in your free time

→ *Skateboarding is the favourite pastime of many teenagers.*

## Natural dangers – name the pictures – use the words from the text

The Pacific Basin (west coast) faces danger mainly from **earthquakes**, **volcanoes, forest fires** and **mudslides**, while those living on the Gulf and Atlantic coasts must beware of **hurricanes**. The Midwest suffers mainly from **tornadoes**, as does the southeast.








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