

1. Read the text about the National character of American people and answer the question: Are Americans proud of their country?

A significant contribution to the study of the national character of Americans was introduced by an anthropologist M. G. Leberdo. In his opinion, equality is extremely important for Americans. The researcher assumes that all people have equal opportunities to achieve success in life. It determines the nature of the relationship between people: class differences, age differences, and official position are not emphasized. Americans, even unfamiliar ones, refer to each other by their first names.

Americans are proud of their country's solidity. Each state has its own laws: here you can hunt - it is not allowed there, but the law on the army, for example, is uniform. But being proud of its independence, each state is even more proud of being part of a great country, proud of its own star on its flag.

Americans are not only friendly but also true. Lying is not accepted, conviction of a lie destroys a reputation. It is not acceptable to "cheat" at school, at the university, or at any exams. But for all his prudence, the American is gullible; it is easy to deceive him.

Americans do not like to hesitate or look very far ahead. They quickly cool down to projects that do not give returns within 1.5-2 years, and it must be borne in mind when you try to establish business relations with them.

The American is cheerful, or at least smiling, especially at work. They are talkative; they will be long and meticulously explained when everything is already clear. The Americans are great rationalists. If they may not spend money, they do not spend.

American behavior in society in some situations is curious. It is not customary for them to touch each other in public (especially men). Women also do not walk arm in arm together. When communicating, not all topics are subject to judgment. So, for example, you shouldn't say about the income of the interlocutor, about his political and religious views, age and condition of health. The question of whether the interlocutor has family and children is also unethical.

While eating, Americans hold a fork in their right hand, changing it to a knife as needed. That makes them different from Europeans. In the process of eating an American can drink coffee, while in other countries coffee is usually drunk after eating.

Work for Americans is on the first place, it takes up the bulk of the time not strength. They have a very high standard of living and technology of everyday life. The unbiased attitude is striking, bringing Americans to life. American psychologist E. T. Hall rightly emphasizes that America is a multinational, multiethnic, multicultural society, which presupposes societies with various life values, established novelties.

Thus, the main features of the national natural character of the Americans can be called independence, vigor, enterprise, patriotism, optimism and benevolence.