

Theme Parks, USA

5 USE IT! Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your theme park in exercise 4.

Theme parks are where you find rollercoasters and rides. They are very popular in the USA. There are more than 300 theme parks there, and they are all very friendly places with a lot of exciting things to do.

The first big American theme park was Disneyland. It opened in 1955 in California and people loved it, especially families with children.

Americans wanted more, and so the number of theme parks in the country grew.

Walt Disney World in Florida had its first visitors in 1971. It is still open today and it is very successful. In 2013, more than eighteen million people visited the Magic Kingdom there.

The rides at modern American theme parks are faster and more exciting than in the past – but they are very safe. The bravest people can go on the ‘thrill rides’ – these are scary rides that use a lot of expensive technology. There are also family rides and water rides. These rides are great for children.

Theme parks have got a lot to offer – more than just rides and rollercoasters. There are also shops, cafes, restaurants, shows and concerts. Families sometimes have a holiday at a theme park and stay in a hotel there.

1 How many theme parks are there in the USA?

There are more than 300 theme parks in the USA.

There are less than 300 theme parks in the USA.

There are 300 theme parks in the USA.

2 Which Disney theme park is in California?

Walt Disney World is in California.

Disney Land is in California.

Universal Studio is in California.

3 What theme park opened in 1971?

Walt Disney World was opened in 1971.

Disney Land was opened in 1971.

Universal Studio was opened in 1971.

4 How many people visited the Magic Kingdom in 2013?

Less than 18 million people visited the Magic Kingdom in 2013.

More than 18 million people visited the Magic Kingdom in 2013.

18 million people visited the Magic Kingdom in 2013.

5 Are theme park rides dangerous?

Yes. They are.

No. They aren't.

6 What kind of ride can be scary?

Thrill ride can be scary.

Family ride can be scary.

Water ride can be scary.