

How are we different?

1 The following jumbled-up paragraphs are from a text about typical American characteristics. Put them in order to make a meaningful text.

a. In short, these features are believed to be part of the American character, but like many other things in modern society, they may change over time.

b. America is a large country with people from different backgrounds and races so it is difficult to talk about the typical American. However, it is believed that there are some characteristics shared by most Americans.

c. Another typical American feature is the importance they place on money and the things it can buy. In fact, money is more important than prestige to them.

d. Perhaps the most important of these is individuality and individual rights. This characteristic originates in the days of the founding fathers, who were very strong individuals. Americans value freedom and do not like to be dependent on other people.

e. Finally, in most American families, parents have less influence on their children than parents in other parts of the world. Children can choose their own partners, even if their parents object to their choice.

f. The second characteristic is that Americans are practical. They place great value on doing things for themselves. They also avoid taking jobs which are beyond their ability.

The correct order is:

1 _____ ; 2 _____ ; 3 _____ ; 4 _____ ; 5 _____ ; 6 _____ .



