



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS ROUTE 66?

It is a road that goes from Chicago in the Midwest to Los Angeles on the West Coast. It crosses eight states and is 3,940 km long. People sometimes call it 'The Main Street of America.'

HOW LONG HAS IT EXISTED?

Since 1926. Now, however, there are newer, longer highways and Route 66 no longer appears on most maps.

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT IT?

Route 66 was one of the very first highways in the USA. Cars were a new invention then, and wide roads like Route 66 made it much easier to get from one place to another.

WHY HAS IT BECOME SO FAMOUS?

In 1964, Bobby Troup wrote a song about Route 66 which became a sensation. Since then, many performers have recorded versions of the song.

HAS THE ROAD CHANGED A LOT OVER THE YEARS?

Yes, it has, but you can still see what it was like in the past. Herman's Gas Station in Thoreau, New Mexico, first started selling petrol in 1935.

The Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, where you can stay in a Native American tent, has also been there since the 1930s.

WHAT IS THERE TO SEE ON ROUTE 66?

The road passes through beautiful scenery, including the Arizona Desert and the Black Mountains. There are also lots of interesting towns and sights on the way, such as the Grand Canyon.

Instruction:

Answer the following questions based on the text about Route 66.

1. Which two American cities does Route 66 connect?

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2. What's the connection between the songwriter Bobby Troup and Route 66?

3. True or False? Route 66 is the longest road in America.

4. Choose the best phrase to replace the word 'sensation' from the text.
Write the correct letter in the box.

A. grand slam B. smash hit C. big win

5. Find the American word in the text that means 'petrol.'