



Reading/Listening: Life in the US.

1. You will read an article about someone's experience living in the US. Read the article's *title* and *subheading*. Then, answer these questions.

- A. Who is the main character in the article?
- B. Where is she from? Where does she live now?
- C. What is she going to talk about?

State Parks, freeways, and other things I love about the US

Jenny Clark, an Australian mom and college student who lives in California, says the US isn't just OK—it's paradise.
These are some of her reasons...

Coffee

American cups of coffee are very big! A small cup of coffee in the US is like a large cup of coffee in Australia. If you're in a hurry, you go to a drive-through and buy coffee from your car. It's so easy!

State Parks

California has 278 state parks, and they are beautiful. On the weekends, I bring my family to a state park in my area. We explore the forest, find small animals, and enjoy the tall redwood trees.

Malls

I love shopping, and in the US, the malls are very big. People walk around and shop for hours. US malls have many different stores, and the salespeople are friendly and help you find things.

Fall

I love the fall weather in the US. A good fall day in California is cool, but not too cold. I also love the trees. They change from green to yellow, red, and brown.

Freeways

I prefer the roads in the US. The freeways are very fast, and in California they have a lot of car lanes. It's really easy to drive from one place to another.

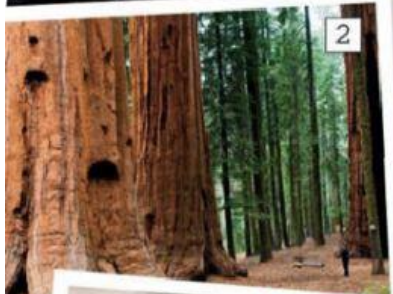
Theme Parks

Theme parks are very popular in the US, and we live near the Great America Theme Park.

My children like the rides and water slides. Sometimes the lines for the rides are long, but that's OK. We need rest!

Red Robin

Red Robin is a restaurant that has great hamburgers. I don't eat meat, but I like the french fries and lemonade at Red Robin. I think the fried cheese sticks are fantastic, but sometimes they aren't on the menu. Maybe that's because they aren't very healthy!



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2. **Look** at the photos in the article. **Match** the words with the pictures 1-5

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| ☐ a drive-through. | ☐ a ride . | ☐ a theme park |
| ☐ a car lane. | ☐ a redwood forest | ☐ a burger |
| ☐ a cup of coffee. | ☐ a driver. | |

3. **Read** the article. **Mark** the sentences True or False. Say why F ones are false.

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| A. A large cup of coffee in Australia is the same as a small cup of coffee in the US. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| B. California doesn't have a lot of state parks. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| C. Jenny doesn't like the salespeople at the malls. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| D. The fall is very cold in California. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| E. It's easy to drive in cars in the U.S. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| F. Jenny doesn't like the long lines for the rides at theme parks. | ☐ | | ☐ |
| G. Jenny likes hamburgers and French fries at the Red Robin. | ☐ | | ☐ |

4. **Search for** these words in the text. What do they **mean**?

buy	explore	drive	help	prefer
bring	find	enjoy	need	think





Comparing life in the US and Chile

5. **Look** at this comparative chart with the *differences* between *living in the US* and *in Chile*. **Answer** the questions and complete with the missing information from the text and your own ideas. .

Question	In the U.S 	In Chile 
What do people drink in your country? (coffee, tea, beer, etc)	Very large coffee	
Does your country have state or national park? How many do you know?		
How are the malls in your country? Do you like going there?	They are big. You like going there because the sales people are nice	
How cold is the fall season in your country?		
How are the freeways in your country? Are they easy to drive in?		
Are there any famous theme parks in your country?	Yes, there is the Great America Theme Park.	
Are there any famous restaurants in your country? Which ones?	Yes, the Red Robin	