THE USA – basic facts

The United States of America are made up of ___ states. 2 of them – _____ and Hawaii, are not directly attached to the continental part. US borders on _____ in the north and on Mexico in the south. In the east and _____ there are the _____ and the Pacific oceans.

The USA is a federal state with a federal goverment, lead by the President (name: _____). The Congress, which makes laws, is divided into the _____ and the House of Representatives. Each of the 50 states has its own governer.

United States gained independance from Britain on July 4, 1776. It is now celebrated as the _____ Day. In 1861-1865 there was Civil War between industrial _____ and agricultural, slave-keeping South. The USA entered the Second World _____ in December 1941, after the Japanese attack on Pearl _____, Hawaii. The USA suffered a serious terrorit attack on September 11, 2001, when the World Trade _____ was completely destroyed and Pentagon (the headquarters of American _____) was damaged.

The USA is a country of many different landscapes. The Rocky _____ are in the west, with the highest mountain Mount Denali (6,194 m) in Alaska. The Great _____ are on the border with Canada, with Niagara Falls between the lakes Erie and Superior. The _____ Canyon is a large canyon system in Arizona.

_____ is the capital city of the country. Its important buidings and constructions include _____ (the residence of the President), the Capitol (meeting place of the US Congress), the Pentagon, Washington Monumet and Lincoln Momument.

_____ is the biggest city with Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, Central Park, One World Trade Center (OWTC) and other landmarks. It is an important center of business, arts, sport and media. Other big _____ are for example Los Angeles with Hollywood, the center of _____ industry, New Orleans, the birthplace of jazz, or Atlanta, the home of CocaCola and CNN.

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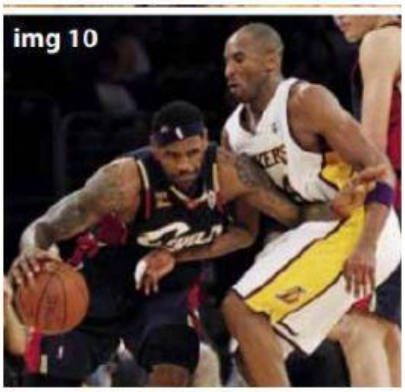
Baseball is a favorite pastime for Americans. It is a bat-and-ball _____, where a person hits a ball and tries to run around the playing field. _____is another popular sport where the aim is to throw the ball through a basket. American _____ is played with an egg-shaped ball and the players wear protective padding and helmets. Ice hoceky is also popular.



There are many famous Americans, for example the _____ Ernest Hemingway; presidents _____ Washington and _____ Lincoln; ice hockey _____ Patrick Kane; _____ Marilyn Monroe, Johny Depp or Meryl Strepp; _____ Madonna, Eminem, Kurt Cobain etc. Andy _____ was a Slovak-born artist and a leading figure of pop art.

Would you like to visit the USA? Why/why not?

Would you like to live there? Why/why not?

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