

Things I love about the US

1 VOCABULARY verb phrases

a Complete the phrases with a verb from the list.

go read work have listen

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| 1 _____ a newspaper | 4 _____ to the movies |
| 2 _____ to the radio | 5 _____ in an office |
| 3 _____ children | |

b ➤ p.153 Vocabulary Bank Verb phrases.

c ② 3))) Listen. Say the phrase.))) TV (watch TV

2 GRAMMAR simple present $\oplus$ and $\ominus$

a Look at four things people say about the US and Americans. Do you think they are true or not true? Then read the text and check your answers.

AMERICANS — IS IT TRUE?

Americans eat fast food every day.
The sun shines a lot in Southern California.
Americans like animals.
Americans are always loud.

Four foreigners who live in the US talk about the things people say about Americans...

Americans eat fast food every day. Pei from China
It's true that Americans **eat** a lot of fast food, but they **don't eat** fast food every day. I share an apartment with an American woman, and she **cooks** all the time. She only **eats** fast food on some days—with me!

The sun shines a lot in Southern California. Alberto from Mexico
The weather **changes** quickly in many places in the US, but not in Southern California. The sun **shines** a lot there. It **doesn't shine** every day, but be careful when it **shines**. It **gets** very hot! I always **wear** sunglasses when I **go out**.

Americans like animals. Naomi from Japan
I have a lot of friends here and many of them **have** a dog, a cat, or a bird. One American family that I know **has** a dog, a cat, and two birds. American people **love** animals!

Americans are always loud. Gianni from Italy
Some Americans are very loud, but I **work** with an American man at a coffee shop, and he's really quiet and polite. He **doesn't talk** very much. But he's a very nice guy!

b Answer the questions with a partner.

- Look at the **highlighted** verbs. Why do some verbs end in -s?
- Write the **he / she / it** form of these verbs.

change _____ have _____
talk _____ go _____
cook _____ eat _____

- Find two negative $\ominus$ verbs. How are they different from affirmative $\oplus$ verbs a) for **he / she / it** b) for all other persons?

c ➤ p.128 Grammar Bank 3A.

Learn more about simple present $\oplus$ and $\ominus$, and practice it.

3 PRONUNCIATION third person -s

a How do you pronounce these plural nouns?

books keys watches

b ② 5))) Listen and repeat the third person verb forms.

/s/ She speaks Spanish.
He drinks coffee.
She cooks every day.

/z/ It rains a lot.
He has a cat.
She does homework.

He goes to the movies on Friday night.

/ɪz/ He watches TV.
The movie finishes in a minute.
The weather changes a lot.

c ② 6))) Listen. Change the sentence.

))) I live in an apartment. She.

(She lives in an apartment.

d Tell your partner six true things about you: three $\oplus$ and three $\ominus$. Choose verb phrases from p.153 Vocabulary Bank Verb phrases.

(I play the guitar. I don't wear glasses.

e Change partners. Tell your new partner the six things about your old partner.

(Eva plays the guitar. She doesn't wear glasses.

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!



4 READING & SPEAKING

a Look at the photos. In which one can you see...?

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

b (27) Read and listen to the article. Mark the sentence **T** (true) or **F** (false). Say why the **F** ones are false.

- 1 A large cup of coffee in Australia is the same as a small cup of coffee in the US.
- 2 California doesn't have a lot of state parks.
- 3 Jenny doesn't like the salespeople in shopping malls.
- 4 The fall is very cold in California.
- 5 It's easy to drive in the US.
- 6 Jenny doesn't like the long lines for rides at theme parks.
- 7 Jenny eats hamburgers and French fries at Red Robin.

c Underline these verbs in the text. What do they mean? Compare your ideas with a partner.

buy bring explore find enjoy walk
help prefer drive need think

d Look at each paragraph again. Say if it's the same or different in your country or city.

The coffee in Brazil is very good. We have drive-throughs and good coffee shops.



Useful words: Why? and because

Use **because** to answer the question **Why?**

Why are the freeways good?

Because they are very fast.

Online Practice

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Verb phrases

VOCABULARY BANK

a Match the verbs and pictures.

- ☐ cook /kʊk/
- ☐ do /du/
- ☐ drink /drɪŋk/
- ☐ eat /i:t/
- ☐ go /ɡoʊ/
- ☐ have /hæv/
- ☐ like /laɪk/
- ☐ listen /lɪsn/
- ☒ 1 live /lɪv/
- ☐ play /pleɪ/
- ☐ read /ri:d/
- ☐ say /seɪ/
- ☐ speak /spi:k/
- ☐ study /ˈstʌdi/
- ☐ take /teɪk/
- ☐ want /wʌnt/
- ☐ watch /wɒtʃ/
- ☐ wear /weə/
- ☐ work /wɜ:k/

b 2 Listen and check.

work
Work has two meanings.

- 1 She works in a museum.
= it's her job
- 2 The phone doesn't work.
= it's broken

have or eat?
Have can be used with both food and drink, and is common with meals, e.g., have a sandwich, have a coffee, have lunch.
Eat can only be used with food, e.g., eat fast food.

c Cover the verbs and look at the pictures. Test yourself or a partner.

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in an apartment



in an office



children



economics



German



a new car



a newspaper



animals



to the movies



TV



to music



tennis



an umbrella



homework / housework



the guitar



sorry



water



fast food



dinner



exercise



glasses

GRAMMAR BANK

simple present ☐ and ☐

Americans **like** fast food.
They **live** in houses with yards.
My husband **works** from 9:00 to 5:00.
Ann **has** three children.

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I **work**.
You **work**.
He / She / It **works**.
We **work**.
You **work**.
They **work**.

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I **don't work**.
You **don't work**.
He / She / It **doesn't work**.
We **don't work**.
You **don't work**.
They **don't work**.

- We use the simple present for things that are generally true or that habitually happen.

- Contractions: *don't = do not, doesn't = does not*.
- To make negatives use *don't / doesn't + verb (base form)*.
He doesn't work. NOT He doesn't works.

spelling rules for *he / she / it*

I work / play / live.	He works / plays / lives.
I watch / finish / go / do.	She watches / finishes / goes / does.
I study.	She studies.

- The spelling rules for the *he / she / it* forms are the same as for the plurals (see **Grammar Bank 2A p.126**).



Be careful with some *he / she / it* forms

I have He has **NOT** He *haves*
I go He goes /goʊz/
I do He does /dʌz/
I say He says /sez/

a Change the sentences.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| My mom drinks coffee. | <i>I drink coffee.</i> |
| 1 I go to the movies. | She _____. |
| 2 We live in an apartment. | He _____. |
| 3 She has two children. | They _____. |
| 4 My dad doesn't like cats. | I _____. |
| 5 The stores close at 9:30 p.m. | The supermarket _____. |
| 6 We don't study French. | My sister _____. |
| 7 I do housework. | My husband _____. |
| 8 I want a guitar. | My son _____. |
| 9 I don't work on Saturdays. | My friend _____. |
| 10 Our classes finish at 5 o'clock. | Our English class _____. |

b Complete the sentences with a ☐ or ☐ verb.

eat have listen play read
speak study wear work

- ☐ They *study* economics.
- 1 ☐ Pedro _____ in an office.
- 2 ☐ Eva _____ books in English.
- 3 ☐ You _____ Arabic very well.
- 4 ☐ I _____ games on my phone.
- 5 ☐ Paolo _____ glasses.
- 6 ☐ We _____ to music on the bus.
- 7 ☐ They _____ fast food.
- 8 ☐ Julia _____ two children.

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