

## READING AND SPEAKING

### America's most famous address

- 1 Look at the pictures of the White House. What can you see?
- 2 What do you know about the White House? Do you think these sentences are true (✓) or false (✗)?
  - 1 The White House is more than 200 years old. ✓
  - 2 No one lives in the White House.
  - 3 All the rooms are government offices.
  - 4 The Oval Office is where the President works.
  - 5 The White House is open to the public.
  - 6 There are a lot of things for a president to do in his free time.
- 3 Read the text and check your answers.
- 4 Answer the questions.
  - 1 The White House has two uses. What are they?
  - 2 Where exactly in the White House does the President live?
  - 3 Where does he work?
  - 4 Where do special guests stay?
  - 5 What is in the Oval Office?
  - 6 What does each new president change?
  - 7 How much does it cost to visit the White House?
  - 8 How many people work in the White House?
  - 9 What can the President do to relax?
- 5 Find the numbers in the text. What do they refer to?  
**50 - There are fifty states.**

50   304 million   6,000   132   35   five   six   140



## INSIDE THE

*The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington DC, is the most famous address in America. It is where the United States President works, but it is also his private home where he lives with his family. He has children's birthday parties, holiday dinners, and weddings in this world-famous building.*

## THE BUILDING

First built in 1800, the White House is where the President of the United States governs a country of 50 states and 304 million people.

He lives with his family on the second and third floors. There are 16 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen, and a dining room. Special guests stay in the Queen's Bedroom or the Lincoln Bedroom.

In the West Wing are the staff offices. The President's own office, the Oval Office, is also there. It has three large windows behind the President's desk, and there is a fireplace at the other end.

Each new president chooses new curtains, new furniture, and a special new carpet. There are pictures of old presidents on the wall, and there is the famous desk, a gift from the British Queen Victoria in 1880.

