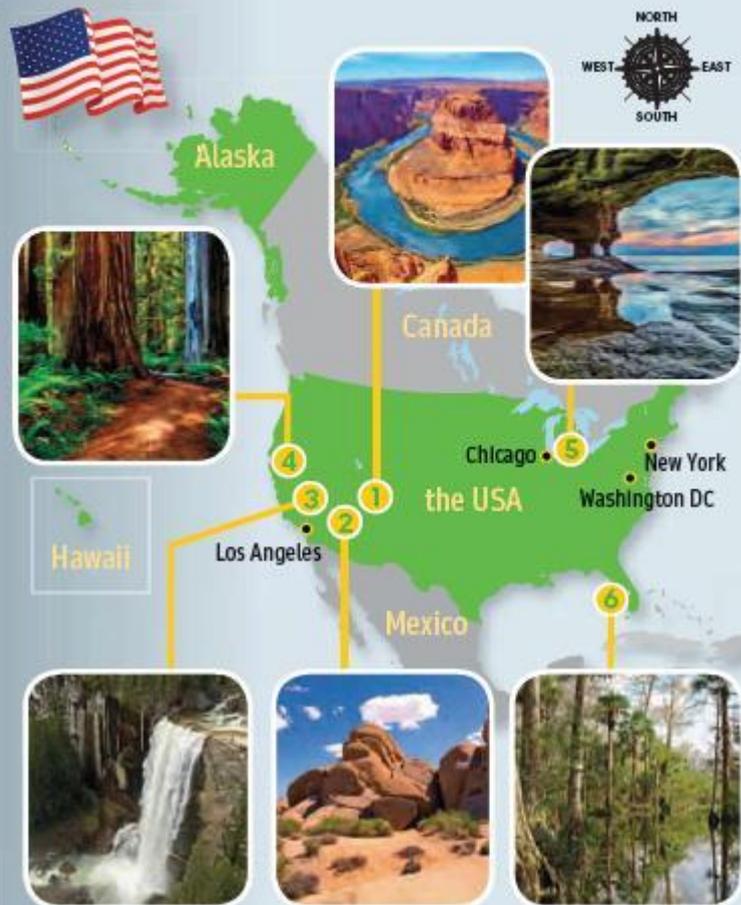


The United States of America is the third largest country in the world. Its neighbours are Canada in the north and Mexico in the south. It has the Atlantic Ocean in the east and the Pacific Ocean in the west. Fifty states make up the United States. Two of them, Alaska and Hawaii, are outside the main territory. The capital city of the USA is Washington DC, and the top three largest cities are New York, Los Angeles and Chicago. The landscape of the USA is beautiful and varied. In the southwest, we find the Rocky Mountains and the Colorado River **1**. The mountains continue into the west, where you can also find the Mojave Desert **2** (the hottest desert in North America) and three world famous national parks: Yosemite **3**, Yellowstone and Redwood **4**. In Redwood, you can see some of the world's tallest trees! The northeast has the Great Lakes **5**. The southeast has the Mississippi River (the fourth longest river in the world) and the Everglades wetlands **6**, where you can find hundreds of different types of animals and plants.



1 What do you know about the USA? In small groups, think of three facts. Compare your ideas as a class.

2 **2.21** Read and listen to the text about the USA. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which countries are USA's neighbours?
- 2 Which ocean is west of the USA?
- 3 How many states are there in the USA?
- 4 Which city is larger - Washington or Chicago?
- 5 How many rivers are mentioned in the text?
- 6 Which is the hottest desert in North America?

3 **2.22** Listen to three young Americans talking about their holidays. Complete the table.

Person/holiday	1 Kelly Hawaii Island	2 Adam Everglades, Florida	3 Isabella Rocky Mountains
Geography	rain forests, ¹ <i>beaches</i> , volcanoes	wetlands with grass, ³ _____	mountains, ⁵ _____, ⁶ _____
Activities	² _____, golf	taking photos, ⁴ _____ rides	hiking, ⁷ _____

4 Where do you go on holiday and what do you do?

What activities do you like doing? What do you like doing?