

The USA

A LAND IN 20 QUESTIONS

Every month this year, we're testing your general knowledge of a different English-speaking country. This month it's time to visit the United States of America. See how many questions you can answer, then listen to the audio recordings to check your answers and fill in the gaps in your knowledge.

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China, Indonesia, Pakistan and India are all among the most populous countries in the world. Where does the US rank on this list?

BONUS QUESTION

How many people live in the US? (closest answer wins)

2

Which US city, founded by the Dutch, was originally called New Amsterdam?

BONUS QUESTION

Do you know at least one of the city's nicknames?

3

The Electoral College is not a school or university, it's a system for choosing something important in the US. But what?

4

What is the United States' official language?



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What are the two houses of the US Congress?

BONUS QUESTION

How many members sit in the larger of the two houses?

6

Which US state was once a monarchy?



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Which sport is the most popular with Americans?

8

The writer of "Because I Could Not Stop for Death", "Hope Is the Thing with Feathers" and over 1,800 other poems is known as one of America's greatest poets, but during her lifetime she saw few people and published only ten poems. Who is she?



Scan the QR code or go to the Bridge website to listen to the poem "Hope Is the Thing with Feathers".

9

The US entered the Second World War in December 1941. What event prompted the US to enter the war?

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Georgia is known as the Peach State, but it is famous for another crop, too. It's a crop that President Jimmy Carter was famous for growing. Which one is it?

11

The New Orleans airport is named after a famous musician and singer. You may have heard his song "What a Wonderful World". Who is it?

12

This island is the US's most populous territory. It's also famous for beautiful beaches and salsa music. Which territory is it?

13

The Great Lakes are a collection of five very large lakes that lie along the US-Canadian border. Can you name all of them?

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When did the Civil Rights Act, which banned the separation of white and black people, become law? (closest answer wins)

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Which US city was founded by the Spanish and originally named for the Virgin Mary?

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The hot and dry state of Arizona is known for deserts and for a geological formation that is one of the natural wonders of the world. What is this?

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This artist is famous for painting everyday objects, like cans of soup, as well as celebrities. Can you name him?

BONUS QUESTION

His parents emigrated to the US from a village in Europe. In which country is that village now?

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What is Cape Canaveral in Florida famous for?

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Why is California nicknamed the Golden State?

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On September 11th 2001, two planes struck the World Trade Center in New York City and one plane struck the Pentagon. Where was the fourth plane headed?