

# What's unique about the USA?



Subject Specific Vocabulary	
<b>buck</b>	A nickname for the American dollar.
<b>Cherokee</b>	A member of an American indigenous people formerly inhabiting much of the southern US.
<b>American state</b>	The U.S. is a country of 50 states covering a vast swathe of North America.
<b>national park</b>	An area of countryside, or occasionally sea or fresh water, protected by the state for the enjoyment of the general public or the preservation of wildlife.
<b>The 'big apple'</b>	This is the nickname associated with New York City (NYC). The nickname became common from the 1920s.
<b>coyotes</b>	Coyotes were a purely North American animal that lived in the west. They are small wolf-like creatures.
<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	The Statue of Liberty is a colossal neoclassical sculpture on Liberty Island in New York Harbour in New York City.
<b>Chichén Itzá</b>	Chichén Itzá is a complex of Mayan ruins in Mexico. It is a massive step pyramid.
<b>time zone</b>	A geographic region within which the same standard time is used.
<b>Tropic of Cancer</b>	The most northerly circle of latitude on Earth at which the sun can be directly overhead.

Sticky Knowledge about North America
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 23 countries in North America, with Canada being the biggest. Canada is in the northern hemisphere.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mexico City is the largest city with more than 9 million people living there. Mexico City is the capital of Mexico.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before the Europeans arrived, the indigenous and native Americans lived in the continent. Today, only about 2% of US Americans consider themselves as descendants from native Americans.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenland is the not only the biggest island in North America but also in the world.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Missouri River is the longest in North America and flows through seven US states. Denali is the highest mountain in North America.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lake Superior, which borders Canada and the US, is the third largest lake in the world and the largest North American lake.</li> </ul>

Exciting Books
The 10 biggest North American countries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canada</li> <li>USA</li> <li>Mexico</li> <li>Nicaragua</li> <li>Honduras</li> <li>Cuba</li> <li>Guatemala</li> <li>Panama</li> <li>Cost Rica</li> <li>Dominican Republic</li> </ul>