

The United States

WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct word from the box below. There are fifteen words, but only twelve gaps.

military	soldiers	she	chewing gum	woman
main	fewer	male	outside	person
important	people	smallest	number	more

- Of the fifty states in the United States, the largest is Alaska and the (1) _____ is Rhode Island. California has the biggest population (37 million); Wyoming has the smallest (550,000). The total US population is about 310 million.
- (2) _____ in the United States consumes more (3) _____ per head than in any other country.
- Barack Obama is the first black president of the United States. He is in one of the two (4) _____ political parties in the US, the Democratic Party. The (5) _____ he beat to become the party's candidate in 2008, Hillary Clinton, is now the US Secretary of State (6) _____ is the wife of former president Bill Clinton).
- Many of the most (7) _____ singers and groups in the history of pop music have been American. The biggest-selling (8) _____ solo artist, for example, is Elvis Presley (or Michael Jackson, according to some statistics) and the biggest-selling female solo artist is Madonna.
- There are around 1.5 million people in the US (9) _____ (army, navy, and air force), and more than 550,000 of them are (10) _____ the US. In fact, there are US military personnel in about 150 countries (although in most of these countries, there are fewer than 1,000 troops).
- The most popular spectator sports in the US are baseball, basketball, and football. (11) _____ Americans watch soccer, but a lot of them play it, and a high percentage of players are female. In fact, the US women's soccer team is (12) _____ one in the world rankings and won the gold medal in both of the last two Olympic Games.