

## Практическое занятие №20 Города и достопримечательности страны изучаемого языка.

### 1. Прочитайте и переведите текст.



#### The USA

The USA is one of the largest countries in the world. It is situated in the central part of the North American continent. The area of the USA is over nine million square kilometers. It is washed by the Pacific Ocean and by the Atlantic Ocean. The most northern part of the USA is Alaska.



The population of the United States is nearly 250 million people, most of the people live in towns. People of different nationalities live in the USA.

The official language of the country is English. The capital of the country is Washington. It was named in honour of the first President, George Washington.

As the USA is a large country, the climate is different in different regions.

There are many mountains in the USA: the Appalachian Mountains, the Cordillera Mountains, and the Rocky Mountains.

The main river of the country is the Mississippi. But there are many other great rivers in the USA: the Colorado in the south and the Columbia in the northwest. There are five Great Lakes between the USA and Canada.



There are many big cities in the country. They are Washington, New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Los-Angeles, Philadelphia, Detroit and others.

The USA has an Academy of Sciences. There are many scientific institutions, museums, libraries, theatres and other interesting places in the country.

The USA is a highly developed industrial country. The USA is rich in mineral resources, such as aluminium, salt, zinc, coppers, and others. The country is rich in coal, natural gas, gold and silver, too. It holds one of the first places in the world for the production of coal, iron, oil, natural gas.

American agriculture produces a lot of food products: grain, fruit, and vegetables.



The USA is a federal republic, consisting of fifty states and District of Columbia. Each of these states has its own government.

Congress is the American Parliament which consists of two Chambers.

The president is the head of the state and the government. He is elected for four years.

**2. Ответьте на вопросы по содержанию текста.**

1. Where is the USA situated? What oceans is it washed by?
2. What is the population of the USA?
3. What is the capital of the country?
4. What are the mountains in the USA?
5. What are rivers and lakes in the USA?
6. Can you name the largest cities in the country?
7. What do you know about industry in the USA?
8. What does American agriculture produce?
9. What is the political system of the USA?
10. Who is the head of the state and the government?

**3. Дополните предложения словами из текста.**

1. The USA is situated in the central part of the ... continent.
2. The capital of the country was named in honour of the ... .
3. The main river of the country is the ... .
4. The USA is rich in mineral resources, such as ..., salt, ..., ..., and others.
5. It holds one of the first places in the world for the production of ... .
6. The USA is a ... republic, consisting of fifty states and ... .
7. The president is the head of the state and the ... .

**2 USE OF ENGLISH** Read the White House information sheet.

Choose the correct words to complete the text.

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| 1 a of   | b at    | c for  |
| 2 a a    | b some  | c the  |
| 3 a in   | b into  | c onto |
| 4 a more | b later | c then |
| 5 a At   | b On    | c In   |
| 6 a a    | b the   | c one  |



## Welcome to the White House!

In 1789, George Washington became the first President <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the United States. Two years later, he chose this place to build the President's house. Unfortunately, Washington died before <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ house was ready, so the first person to live there was the second President, John Adams. He moved <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the house with his wife, Abigail, in 1800. Since then, every President has lived there.

Over the years, there have been many changes. The British set fire to the house in 1814 during a war between the two countries. Three years <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, President Monroe organised the repairs. In 1901, President Roosevelt named the house the 'White House' and the next year, he started a programme to modernise it. This included building a new part of the house: the West Wing. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 1909, William Taft created the Oval Office in the West Wing, and this has been the President's office since then.

The White House has 132 rooms, 35 bathrooms, eight staircases, three lifts, a swimming pool, a tennis court, a jogging track and a private cinema. It receives 30,000 visitors <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ week. While it is the home of the US president and his (or her) family, the White House is also a museum of American history.

### 3 Read through the information again and answer the questions.

- 1 Who decided where to build the White House?
- 2 Who was the first President to live in the White House?
- 3 When did people start calling it the White House?
- 4 How long has the Oval Office been the President's office?
- 5 What sports facilities has the White House got?
- 6 How many people visit the White House each week?