

American**1. [əˈmerɪkən] n**

- американец; американка; гражданин *или* гражданка Соединённых Штатов
the Americans - *собир.* американцы
- житель *или* уроженец американского континента
South American - южноамериканец
Latin American - латиноамериканец
- индеец *или* индианка Северной *или* Южной Америки
First /Native/ Americans - первые /коренные/ американцы (*самоназвание индейцев*)
- английский язык в Америке (*обыкн.* American English)
to speak American - говорить на американском варианте английского языка

2. [əˈmerɪkən] a

- американский
North [South, Latin] American - североамериканский [южноамериканский, латиноамериканский]
American states - а) американские государства; страны американского континента б) *редк.* страны Западного полушария
American colonies - *ист.* английские колонии в Северной Америке
- американский, относящийся к Соединённым Штатам
American citizen - американский гражданин *или* американская гражданка, гражданин *или* гражданка Соединённых Штатов
American Administration - правительство США
American technology [industry, universities] - американская техника [промышленность, -ие университеты]
- относящийся к северо- *или* южноамериканским индейцам

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American [American Americans] noun, adjective BrE [əˈmerɪkən] ¹ NAmE

[əˈmerɪkən]

noun

- a person from America, especially the US
see also ↑African American, ↑Native American
- (*also* **American English**) the English language as spoken in the US

Word Origin:

from modern Latin **Americanus**, from America, which dates from the early 16th cent. and is believed to derive from the Latin form (**Americus**) of the name of Amerigo Vespucci, who sailed along the west coast of South America in 1501.

Idiom: ↑as American as apple pie

adjective

of or connected with N or S America, especially the US

- I'm American.
- American culture/tourists

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Culture:**America**

The **United States of America** is called by several different names, both by the people who live there and by people in other countries. These names include **the USA, the United States, the US, the States** and **America**. The official name, the United States of America, first appears in the ↑**Declaration of Independence** of 1776, when the country was called 'the thirteen united States of America'. **America** is widely used as a name for the US, though this seems unfair on all the other nations in **the Americas** (= the continents of North and South America). Songs like ↑**America** and ↑**America the Beautiful** are about the US. Americans also use informal names like **the US of A** and **Stateside**, especially when they are out of the country. Other names, e.g. 'the land of the free', 'the land of liberty', 'God's country', 'the ↑**melting pot**' and 'the greatest nation on earth', show their pride in their country. People in Britain and America sometimes refer humorously to each other's countries as 'the other side of the pond', i.e. the other side of the Atlantic Ocean.

North America refers to a continent and region, and includes Canada and Mexico as well as the US. Between the US and South America is the region of **Central America**. Sometimes the countries of Central and South America are together referred to as **Latin America**.

America and the Americas are said to have been named after Amerigo **Vespucci**, an Italian explorer who sailed to South America in 1499, visiting the area that later became known as Brazil, and also the ↑**Bahamas**. Vespucci believed that the land he had discovered was a new continent, not part of Asia as ↑**Columbus** had thought. By 1538, the famous map-maker Gerhardus Mercator was using the name 'America', the Latin form of Vespucci's name, for the **New World** (= North and South America, as opposed to Europe).

People from the US are called **Americans**, though British people may, rather rudely, call them 'Yanks'. People from other countries in the Americas are called by national names derived from the name of their country, e.g. Canadians. The adjective used to describe things from the US is **American**. The US is always referred to in organizations such as the ↑**American Legion** and in expressions like 'the ↑**American dream**'. **US** is also used as an adjective, as in the US Olympic team. Official names of government organizations may use **United States**, e.g. the United States Military Academy.

More About:

America

The continent of America is divided into North America and South America. The narrow region joining North and South America is Central America.

North America, which is a geographical term, consists of the United States of America, Canada and Mexico. Latin America, a cultural term, refers to the non-English speaking countries of Central and South America, where mainly Portuguese and Spanish are spoken. Mexico is part of Latin America.

The United States of America is usually shortened to the USA, the US, the States or simply America: ▪ the US President ◇▪ Have you ever been to the States? ◇▪ She emigrated to America in 1995. Many people from other parts of the continent dislike this use of America to mean just the US, but it is very common.

American is usually used to talk about somebody or something from the United States of America: ▪ Do you have an American passport? ◇▪ American football ◇▪ I'm not American, I'm Canadian. Latin American and South American are used to refer to other parts of the continent: ▪ Latin American dance music ◇▪ Quite a lot of South Americans study here.

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I. **American**¹ /ə'merəkən, ə'merɪkən/ BrE² AmE² adjective

1. relating to the US or its people:

- Her mother is American.
- a famous American writer

2. **something is as American as apple pie** used to say that something is very typically American

⇒ ↑Latin American

II. **American**² BrE² AmE² noun [countable]

someone from the US
