

California, Minnesota and Maine

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Glossary (in chronological order)

federal district - an area that doesn't belong to a state

uniform - all the same

shrimp - a seafood, small pink animals with legs and antenna

cracking up - laughing a lot

hygienic - very clean, with no germs

overwhelmed - the feeling you have when something causes a strong emotional effect in you

looked down upon - seen in a bad way, not approved of e.g. hitting dogs is looked down upon in Europe

misconceptions - ideas that are based on false information or inaccurate stereotypes

from scratch - from nothing or from basic ingredients

income - the amount of money received from work or investments

abandoned - a previously populated place that everyone has left

naked - to have no clothes on

Use the words above to complete the sentences from the listening:

1. Sometimes walking through the streets here it's just like on a Sunday.
2. I was reading through it and I was just
3. In the US it's really kind of and people will kind of scold you if you smoke.
4. What do you think are some of the biggest Europeans or people in general have about the US?
5. It's illegal to sleep
6. I actually have been surprised lately to find out that the middle is a lot higher than it was 7 years ago when I left.
7. American culture is in a lot of ways across the US.
8. But seafood and and all that, I tried all of that for the first time in Spain.
9. We're very overly I think in our bathrooms.
10. I was really by the lack of diversity.
11. Especially because here you're cooking and use a lot of vegetables.
12. It is a constitutional federal republic made up of 50 states, a also known as Washington DC, 5 major self-governing territories such as Puerto Rico and several other possessions which include some islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Comprehension questions

How many people live in the USA?

What shocked them about Spain?

What do they miss most about the US?

What are some of the strange laws they talk about?

Conversation questions

Which state would you like to visit?

Are there any more stereotypes related to Americans?

What would you miss most about your country if you moved abroad?