**Washington is not only the capital of the**[**United States of America**](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/rasskaz-places-of-interest-in-the-usa.html)**. It’s also an amazingly beautiful city.**

Every year millions of people visit Washington in order to see its famous sights. The city was named after the first President of the USA, George Washington. He was the person who found the area to build the capital of USA. Washington spared some land from the states Maryland and Virginia and called the district Columbia.

There is also a separate state in the USA, called Washington, but it’s situated in the far west of the country, whereas the capital-city is in the east. So people call the capital Washington D.C. (District of Columbia), not to confuse it with the state.

Washington D.C. is divided into 4 districts: north-west, north-east, south-west, south-east. These districts have respectively numbered streets each. For example, First Street, Third Street etc. That way, it’s easy to define where you are. Washington is considered to be one of the most beautiful and unusual cities of the USA. It has no skyscrapers or tall building. There are only nice parks, squares, memorials, famous monuments and buildings which are no taller than 40 meters.

The best-known sights in the city are the Washington Memorial, which is a huge stone structure on the Potomac River, and the Lincoln Memorial, which is designed in a shape of Greek temple. The main buildings of the city are the Capitol and the White House. All tourists start their sightseeing tour from these constructions.

Moreover, there are some other places of interest in Washington. For example, the Senate Chamber, The Jefferson Memorial, the Hall of Representatives and the Library of Congress which holds millions of books and manuscripts.

### Cities of the USA - Города США

Washington, D. C. is the capital city of the United States of America, its political centre. 'D. С stands for the 'District of Columbia', the federal district containing the city of Washington. The city is named after George Washington. The centres of all three branches of the US federal government are in Washington, D. C, as well as the headquarters of most federal agencies. Washington also serves as the headquarters for the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation of the Monetary Fund among other international (and national) institutions. All of this has made Washington the frequent focal point of massive political demonstrations and protests. [Washington](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/places-of-interest-in-washington-usa-rasskaz.html) is also the site of numerous national landmarks, museums, and sports teams, and is a popular destination for tourists.

New York City, officially named the [City of New York](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/rasskaz-places-of-interest-in-new-york.html), is the most populous city in the United States, and the most densely populated city in North America. Located in the state of New York, New York City has a population of 8. 2 million people within an area of 830 km2. It is at the heart of the New York Metropolitan Area, which is one of the largest urban conglomerations in the world. The city comprises five boroughs: the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island.

The city is at the centre of international finance, politics, manufacturing, entertainment, and culture, and is one of the world's major global cities (along with London, Tokyo and Paris). It has a unique collection of museums, galleries, international corporations, and stock exchanges. The city is also home to the United Nations and all of the international missions associated with it.

New York City attracts large numbers of immigrants from over 180 countries, as well as many people from all over the United States, who come to the city for its culture, energy, cosmopolitanism, and by their own hope of making it big. New York City is home to more than 500 companies. If the city were a nation, it would have the 17th highest gross domestic product in the world, more than that of Switzerland and nearly equaling that of Russia.

New York is a city of great museums with the Metropolitan Museum of Art's collection of historic art, the Museum of Modern Art and Guggenheim Museum's 20th century collection, and the American Museum of Natural History and its Hayden Planetarium focusing on the sciences.

**Translate the following sentences into English - Переведите следующие предложения на английский**

1. В Вашингтоне часто проводятся крупные политические демонстрации и акции протеста.
2. Вашингтон, округ Колумбия - столица США, политический центр страны и место расположения центральных учреждений всех трех властей федерального правительства США, центральных офисов большинства федеральных учреждений.
3. Нью-Йорк - центр международной торговли, производства, развлечений, и один из глобальных городов мира.
4. Вашингтон - это также место, где находятся многочисленные достопримечательности страны, он популярен среди туристов.
5. Нью-Йорк - наиболее населенный город США и наиболее густонаселенный город Северной Америки, расположенный в штате Нью-Йорк внутри столичного района Нью-Йорк, который является одной из крупнейших городских конгломерации в мире.
6. Там находятся международные корпорации, фондовые биржи, Организация объединенных наций и связанные с ней международные организации.
7. Валовой внутренний продукт города больше ВВП Швейцарии и почти равен ВВП России.
8. Город привлекает большое число иммигрантов, которые приезжают туда, чтобы добиться успеха.

### Getting a Job in the United States

There are two types of jobs: full-time and part-time work. A full-time job is usually 35-40 hours a week. A part-time job is 15-28 hours a week.

The difference between them is more than just a matter of how long one works. The difference is in the pay and benefits. Many persons with a full-time job will have a higher salary and be provided with benefits. Benefits such as medical insurance, paid vacations, and maybe even an opportunity to have a retirement savings plan.

Part-time workers do not receive any benefits other than a few days off a year. Many youth in our country begin working from an early age. The law requires young people to be a certain age, before they may begin work.

However, most may work at the age of fourteen, with a worker's permit or permission from his parents or guardian. Students usually have part-time jobs in fast food restaurants such as McDonald's, Burger King, etc. Many young men and women work in pizza places and ice cream shops as waiters. Some students work at sports events as coaches, referees, umpires, or scorekeepers.

Fast food workers are usually required to work at least 15-17 hours a week. The same goes for any part-time work.

Some students work to pay for attending college or university, others like having extra pocket money, or are saving to buy something.

How much money can a young person make? However, the minimum wage in California and [New York](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/topic-new-york.html) is around 6 or 7 dollars an hour because the costs of living in those states are much higher. But the average McDonald's worker in Georgia will make minimum wage, $5.65 per hour.

If a student in [America](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/usa-states-with-capitals.html) wants to find a job, he or she will find it. The job may not be prestigious or even enjoyable, but there is work to be found.

Generally, the difference between our youth and Amen can one in the area of employment lies in job availability an salary. Americans have the opportunity to work - there are more places for young people to work and payment is higher.

American youth needs to work. Saving money for college, university, or technical schools is necessary. Costs run from 5,000-20,000 dollars a year, and the average American family cannot provide this much money every year for four years. One can assume that most university students work one, two or even three jobs during their time at university.

Most employers expect their applicants to have previous experience. In order to obtain a job, one must fill out ah application. An application requires necessary information for taxes. The employer usually requests recommendations. It is now also standard practice for many employers to ask employees to take drug tests before they can get a job.

After an application has been reviewed, the employer may call the prospective employee in for an interview. The employer will ask questions about what to do in an emergency, what to do with angry customers, and other relative scenarios.

Work experience is necessary for most college or university graduates. Thus, American youth must work during college or university in order to get a good job later on or to pay for attending a college or university.

### American Holidays

There are many holidays in the USA which are celebrated from year to year. American people enjoy having holidays, especially if they are public. During such holidays children don’t go to school and adults don’t work.

Perhaps, the most favourite public holidays in the USA are [Christmas](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/prazdnik-christmas-day.html) and [New Year](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/new-year-in-the-united-states.html). Christmas season starts on December the 25th and continues till New Year celebrations. Many families arrange parties on New Year’s Eve. It’s also the time of present exchange.

Another important American holiday is [Independence Day](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/independence-day-american.html), which is celebrated every year on July the 4th. This holiday celebrates the day when the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia. The exact date was July the 4th, 1776.

[Thanksgiving Day](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/thanksgiving-day-blagodareniya.html) is another interesting American holiday. It is celebrated every fourth Thursday of November. At this time in 1621 the Pilgrim Fathers celebrated their first harvest festival in America. Since then Americans always celebrate Thanksgiving to thank God for their harvest. There is one more interesting autumn holiday in the USA. It’s the Day of All Saints, known in the world as [Halloween](http://www.learnenglishbest.com/prazdnik-halloween.html). Children are especially fond of this holiday. It is celebrated on October 31st. Typical Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, dressing up in different costumes, craving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns, telling scary stories, etc.

November 11th is Veteran’s Day in the USA. This holiday is dedicated to people who fell courageously in the World Wars. There is one special holiday which is celebrated by Americans on February 22nd. It’s Washington’s Birthday. This day is also known as President’s Day. George Washington was the first president of the USA, so he is dearly respected by American nation.