




Around the US in

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questions



Mit unserem Sprachspiel können Sie eine Menge lernen und dabei so viel Spaß haben wie **JOANNA WESTCOMBE** und das *Spotlight*-Team beim Entwickeln.   

It's the classic American dream: a car, some good music, lots of time — and a desert highway stretching into the distance. The pull-out map that comes with this issue of *Spotlight* indicates a route across the US all the way from Alaska to Florida. We have thought up a range of quiz questions for you (and your companions) to answer as you cross the country. You will find these on the following pages. You can answer them on your own in the magazine,

or you can cut them out and use them to play the game. Further instructions and the game rules are on page 21 and on the game board itself. Subscribers can also download the cards and some extra questions from www.spotlight-online.de

So if you're ready, fasten your seat belt and hit the road!



How many US states are there?

- a) 49
- b) 50
- c) 52

The city of Detroit is known for its car-building industry. Who founded it?

- a) Ferdinand Porsche
- b) Antoine de Cadillac
- c) Henry Ford

Who or what does F L O T U S stand for?

- a) a US health-care plan
 - b) the head of the US Navy
 - c) the wife of the president
- (First Lady of the United States)

The US is home to roughly how many illegal immigrants?

- a) 1 million
- b) 11 million
- c) 20 million

How does the US national anthem begin?

- a) "Oh, say, can you see..."
- b) "My country, 'tis of thee..."
- c) "An American I'm proud to be..."

How many medals did US swimmer Michael Phelps win at the Beijing Olympics in 2008?

- a) six
- b) seven
- c) eight

Which film star was married to baseball player Joe DiMaggio (1914–99)?

- a) Marilyn Monroe
- b) Doris Day
- c) Zsa Zsa Gabor

Which is the longest river in the US?

- a) the Missouri River
- b) the Rio Grande
- c) the Mississippi River

Johnny Weissmuller (1904–84) — who played Tarzan — was also a gold-medal Olympic _____.

- a) runner
- b) swimmer
- c) boxer

About how much of the world's fresh surface water is found in the Great Lakes?

- a) 5 percent
- b) 10 percent
- c) 20 percent

Which song did not appear on Michael Jackson's (1958–2009) record-breaking album *Thriller*?

- a) "Man in the Mirror"
- b) "Wanna Be Startin' Something"
- c) "Billie Jean"

Lake Tahoe is famous for its beauty. In which two states is it located?

- a) California and Nevada
- b) Washington and Oregon
- c) New York and Vermont

The USA PATRIOT Act is a law relating to _____.

- a) education
- b) military service
- c) police powers

In 1986, a space shuttle exploded shortly after liftoff. What was it called?

- a) *Endeavour*
- b) *Columbia*
- c) *Challenger*

Which sport features in the film *The Big Lebowski* (1998)?

- a) bowling
- b) soccer
- c) surfing

"Second-Amendment rights" is an expression meaning Americans' right to _____.

- a) demonstrate
- b) own a gun
- c) say what they want

Which term is used to refer to the Wall Street crash of October 24, 1929?

- a) Black Monday
- b) Black Thursday
- c) Black Friday

In 2008, what did Barack Obama promise to bring Americans?

- a) honor and dignity
- b) hope and change
- c) pride and prejudice

Which state's name means "long river place" in Mohegan, a Native American language?

- a) Connecticut
- b) Wyoming
- c) Illinois

Where does historic Route 66 begin?

- a) Cincinnati, Ohio
- b) Chicago, Illinois
- c) Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Some Southern and Midwestern states are known as the _____.

- a) Bible Border
- b) Bible Block
- c) Bible Belt



In 1849, there was a gold rush to the place that soon became the 31st US state: _____.

- a) New Mexico
- b) Texas
- c) California

What is the Secret Service's code name for Hillary Clinton?

- a) Evergreen
- b) Rosebud
- c) Twinkle

Which competition is held every year in Augusta, Georgia?

- a) the Miss USA Contest
- b) the Country USA music contest
- c) the US Masters Golf Tournament

Which of the following is a breed of chicken?

- a) Rhode Island Red
- b) Ohio Orange
- c) Alabama Brown

Babe Ruth (1895–1948) was one of America's most famous sportsmen. What did he play?

- a) (ice) hockey
- b) basketball
- c) baseball

In 1903, which American brothers made the first powered flight?

- a) the Wren brothers
- b) the Wright brothers
- c) the Wrangler brothers

In 1931, Chicago gangster Alphonse Gabriel Capone (1899–1947) was sent to prison for _____.

- a) smuggling alcohol
- b) not paying his taxes
- c) running a prostitution ring

How wide is the Grand Canyon at its widest point?

- a) 8 km (5 miles)
- b) 16 km (10 miles)
- c) 29 km (18 miles)

What did basketball player Earvin "Magic" Johnson announce in 1991?

- a) that he was HIV-positive
- b) that he was an alcoholic
- c) that he was a gambler

In which US state is the Pentagon?

- a) Maryland
- b) Virginia
- c) Pennsylvania

How many stripes are there on the American flag?

- a) 11
- b) 13
- c) 15

What is the oldest city in the US?

- a) Jamestown, Virginia
- b) St. Augustine, Florida
- c) Boston, Massachusetts

In which film does the line "A boy's best friend is his mother" occur?

- a) *E.T.*
- b) *The Graduate*
- c) *Psycho*

The song "Summertime" comes from which work by George Gershwin (1898–1937)?

- a) *Porgy and Bess*
- b) *Lady Be Good*
- c) *An American in Paris*

What did the US declare in April 1917?

- a) war on Germany
- b) the new state of Arizona
- c) the vote for women

How is the capital of Idaho (Boise) pronounced?

- a) BOY-zee
- b) BOYS
- c) BOY-zay

Which city has the largest population?

- a) Chicago
- b) New York City
- c) Los Angeles

For which soccer team did David Beckham play from 2007 to 2011?

- a) Houston Dynamo
- b) FC Dallas
- c) Los Angeles Galaxy

In his 1998 book *A Walk in the Woods*, Bill Bryson wrote about the _____.

- a) Sierra Nevada
- b) Rockies
- c) Appalachians

When did the Spanish first arrive in what is now California?

- a) in the 1350s
- b) in the 1540s
- c) in the 1680s

Which US president was the main author of the Declaration of Independence?

- a) Thomas Jefferson
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Theodore Roosevelt

In 1984, where were the summer Olympic Games held?

- a) Atlanta, Georgia
- b) Los Angeles, California**
- c) St. Louis, Missouri

Who was the goalkeeper of the US women's national soccer team in the 2011 World Cup?

- a) Faith Solo
- b) Hope Solo**
- c) Peace Solo



Which company took its name from a character in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick* (1851)?

- a) Starbucks
- b) Wal-Mart
- c) Hewlett-Packard**

What is the Super Bowl?

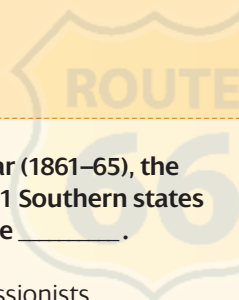
- a) the oldest trophy for boxing
- b) a stadium in Austin, Texas
- c) a championship game in American football**

The US dollar is also called the _____.

- a) goldback
- b) greenback**
- c) silverback

What is the name of architect Frank Lloyd Wright's (1867–1959) famous house in Pennsylvania?

- a) Fallingwater
- b) Running River
- c) Stone Valley**



Which American holiday marks the end of summer?

- a) Labor Day**
- b) Presidents' Day
- c) Memorial Day

In which European city did the musical *The Sound of Music* premiere in late 2011?

- a) Barcelona
- b) Salzburg**
- c) Paris

In the US Civil War (1861–65), the government of 11 Southern states was known as the _____.

- a) Southern Secessionists
- b) Federation of Southern States
- c) Confederate States of America**

Who was the first European to reach North America?

- a) Walter Raleigh
- b) Leif Ericson**
- c) Christopher Columbus

One of America's most famous race-car tracks is at Daytona Beach. Where is this city?

- a) California
- b) Texas
- c) Florida**

In which country did Barack Obama spend part of his childhood?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Kenya
- c) the Philippines**

During the attacks of 9/11/2001, what book was George W. Bush reading with a school class?

- a) *Curious George*
- b) *The Pet Goat***
- c) *The Cat in the Hat*

The New York Marathon begins on Staten Island. Where does it end?

- a) in Central Park
- b) at Times Square
- c) on Fifth Avenue**

Who was the first president of the United States of America?

- a) George Washington
- b) Abraham Lincoln
- c) Thomas Jefferson**

George Balanchine (1904–83) is associated with which art form and which US city?

- a) poetry / Memphis
- b) crime fiction / Los Angeles
- c) ballet / New York City**

Which state has the largest population?

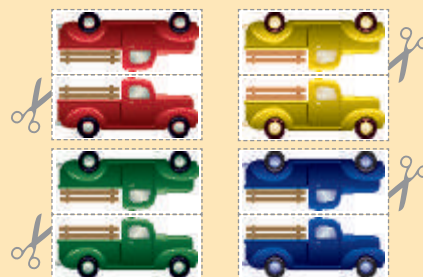
- a) California
- b) New York
- c) Texas**

In which American sport might you be bodychecked?

- a) basketball
- b) baseball
- c) ice hockey**

What is the name of America's most famous sports magazine?

- a) *The Sporting Times*
- b) *Sports Illustrated***
- c) *Sporting News*



Whose first name is really Eldrick?

- a) Barack Obama
- b) Tiger Woods**
- c) Brad Pitt

Which US state has the longest coastline?

- a) California
- b) Alaska**
- c) Florida

What do cheerleaders traditionally carry?

- a) pom-poms
- b) tom-toms
- c) yom-yoms**

Which is *not* a way of ordering eggs at a diner?

- a) sunny side up
- b) over easy
- c) crispy under**

How far is Cuba from the US?

- a) 145 km (90 miles)
- b) 193 km (120 miles)
- c) 241 km (150 miles)**

What organization did President John F. Kennedy (1917–63) found?

- a) the FBI
- b) the Girl Scouts
- c) the Peace Corps**

How many time zones are there in the continental US?

- a) four
- b) five
- c) six**

Who created the Statue of Liberty?

- a) Austrian artist Gustav Klimt
- b) British engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel
- c) French sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi**

For which basketball team does German-born Dirk Nowitzki play?

- a) the Dallas Mavericks
- b) the Los Angeles Lakers
- c) the Chicago Bulls**

New York City has two major professional baseball teams: the Yankees and the _____.

- a) Dodgers
- b) Giants
- c) Mets**

Which actress played a female boxer in the 2004 film *Million Dollar Baby*?

- a) Meryl Streep
- b) Cameron Diaz
- c) Hillary Swank**

According to Mark Twain (1835–1910), the human race has only one effective weapon. What is it?

- a) education
- b) laughter**
- c) democracy

The term “special relationship” most often refers to America and _____.

- a) Britain
- b) Canada
- c) China**

What are the names of the two gangs in Leonard Bernstein’s (1918–90) musical *West Side Story*?

- a) the Calabresi and the D’Amicos
- b) the Sharks and the Jets**
- c) the Lords and the Falcons

Artist Georgia O’Keeffe (1887–1986) painted many of her famous landscapes in which Southwestern state?

- a) Arizona
- b) New Mexico**
- c) Texas

To which church does the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, belong?

- a) the Church of Latter-Day Saints
- b) the Roman Catholic Church
- c) the Episcopal Church**

Which writer said “America is the land of wide lawns and narrow minds”?

- a) Ernest Hemingway
- b) James Thurber
- c) Gore Vidal**

Barack Obama is the _____ president of the United States.

- a) 37th
- b) 39th
- c) 44th**



Cut out the trucks on the other side of this card and fold them over to use as counters in the game.


For which food is the state of Wisconsin famous?

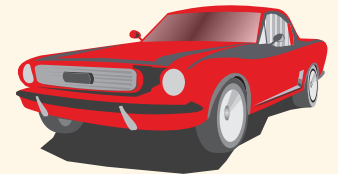
- a) chicken
- b) cheese**
- c) chocolate



HOW TO PLAY

This game is best played in small groups. The first player to travel from Alaska to Florida wins.

- Eighty questions and answers are listed on pages 15–18 or online at www.spotlight-online.de. The correct answers are marked in **bold**.
- Cut out the cards carefully (they are double-sided). Try not to look at them!
- Make sure you have a dice, and cut out a (truck) counter for each player or team. 
- Place the question cards in the middle of the table and cover them with the US flag card or hold the cards, passing them to the next player after each turn.
- Place all the counters on the starting state: Alaska.
- The youngest player starts. The player on his or her right reads the question on the top card and the choice of three answers — without showing the card.
- If the player answers the question correctly, he or she may roll the dice and move the number of states indicated, following the white arrows. If the answer is incorrect, the player stays where he or she is.
- The same player asks the person on his or her left the next question, and so play continues — first answering the question, then throwing the dice.
- If a player lands on a state with a traffic-light symbol, he or she should follow the instructions given for that state on the traffic-light list below. Either the player will have to miss a turn in the next round, or will be able to move on to the state indicated.



Nevada

You hit a stretch limousine as you cruise down the Strip in Las Vegas. You have to spend the next day at the police station.

MISS A TURN



Washington

You find you really enjoy Seattle's coffee culture. The resulting caffeine overdose means you can...

DRIVE ALL NIGHT TO IDAHO



Montana

You get lost in the badlands of northern Montana.

MISS A TURN



Kansas

There's a twister behind you. The only way to escape the tornado is to put your foot on the gas and...

DRIVE FAST TO IOWA



Kentucky

You're at the Kentucky Derby, a horse-racing event famous for its mint-julep cocktails. You drink one too many.

MISS A TURN



Missouri

You take a paddleboat down the Mississippi and find you can...

FLOAT DOWNSTREAM TO LOUISIANA



Indiana

You get stuck behind a convoy of trucks for two days.

MISS A TURN



Pennsylvania

You eat a large piece of Pennsylvania Dutch shoo-fly pie. The sugar goes straight to your head. You check out of your motel and...

DRIVE ALL NIGHT TO VIRGINIA

