

The famous American hot dog

Green Line 4, after Zoom-in

Each state in the US has its own nickname (*Spitzname*), symbols and traditions. Did you know New Yorkers eat more hot dogs than anybody else in the country? In this Web Unit you will find out more about New York and the American hot dog tradition.



Pre-net activity

Match the facts on the left with the correct American states on the right.

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| 1. You can see its landscape in Westerns. | a) Alaska |
| 2. Here you can spend the day at the beach. | b) Arizona |
| 3. This is one of the states in the Midwest. | c) California |
| 4. It's bigger than Germany, France and Spain. | d) Kansas |
| 5. Everything here is very big. | e) Texas |

Net-use activities

1. <http://www.factmonster.com> → 'United States' → 'Profiles of each state'

Click on New York on the map.

1. What is the capital? _____
2. What is the abbreviation (*Abkürzung*) for New York? _____
3. Write down two symbols of the state. _____
4. What is New York's nickname? _____
5. What is the largest city? _____
6. What do you call people who live in New York (*residents*)? _____
7. How many of the famous people from New York do you know? Which ones? _____

2 Go back one page. → 🖱️ 'Americana' → 🖱️ 'Hot Dog Month'

Read the information and underline the correct answers.

June / July / August is National Hot Dog Month, and Memorial Day / Labor Day / July 4th is the biggest hot dog holiday of the year. Every year Americans eat about 60 / 155 million / 7 billion hot dogs each. The hot dog got its name at a baseball game in California / New York / Texas. It was first called a *dachshund sausage* / *dachshund dog* / *hot dachshund*, but it was too difficult to spell. Children most often eat *mustard (Senf)* / *ketchup* / *chocolate sauce* on their hot dogs, but some would like to eat them with *mustard* / *ketchup* / *chocolate sauce*! In the summer Americans like to drink *lemonade* / *water* and *hot tea* / *iced tea* with their hot dogs.

3 🖱️ www.hot-dog.org → 🖱️ 'Facts and Trivia' → 🖱️ 'Hot Dog Etiquette'

Put 'Do' or 'Don't' in front of the rules for eating hot dogs.

1. _____ eat hot dogs with your hands.
2. _____ use paper plates and napkins (*Servietten*) when you eat a hot dog.
3. _____ put ketchup or mustard on the bun (*Brötchen*).
4. _____ eat ketchup on your hot dog if you are over 18 years old.
5. _____ finish your hot dog after five bites (*Bisse*).
6. _____ lick (*ablecken*) your fingers when you have finished!

4 🖱️ 'Pop Culture' → 🖱️ 'Hot Dog Fame' → 🖱️ 'A League of their Own (1992)'

Watch the first four minutes of the film. Describe what is happening. What do you think this movie is about? When do you see a hot dog?

Post-net activities

Make a poster of your state or your country. Use pictures and words to show

- important symbols
- the flag (*Fahne*)
- important cities and their population (*Bevölkerung*)
- any nicknames
- famous people who come from there
- a fun tradition

Then present it to your class.

Or

An American student is coming to Germany to learn about your traditions. What do you want to teach him/her? Make a list of rules and share them with your class.

Now you can ...

- ✓ ... scan a website for information about the Hot Dogs.
- ✓ ... reproduce (*wiedergeben*) given information in your own words.
- ✓ ... analyse a film and describe what is happening.

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