

Speak English With Vanessa

Free PDF Worksheet Regional Words in the USA

Dear English Learner,

Get ready to learn some regional words and phrases from the US. I recommend reading these sample sentences out loud and using the blank space on the last page to answer my challenge question using the vocabulary. Thanks so much for learning English with me!

*Your teacher,
Vanessa*

1. Y'all/ You guys/ Youse/ Yinz

Y'all: South and Midwest

You guys: North

Youse: Northeast

Yinz: Pittsburgh

Where do (y'all/ you guys/ youse/ yinz) want to eat tonight?

2. Pop/ Soda/ Coke

Pop: North

Soda: South

Coke: South

What kind of (pop/ soda/ Coke) do you want?

3. Sub/ Hoagie/ Hero/ Dagwood

Sub: Most of the US

Hoagie: Philadelphia

Hero: New York

Dagwood: Upper Midwest

What kind of meat do you like on your (sub/ hoagie/ hero/ Dagwood)?

4. Cart/ Buggy/ Carriage

Cart: North

Buggy: South and Midwest

Carriage: Northeast

I forgot to grab a (cart/ buggy/ carriage) for the groceries. Can you grab one for me?

5. Liquor store/ ABC store/ Package store/ Packie

Liquor store: North and West

ABC store: South

Package store: Northeast

Packie: Boston

I have to make a run to the (liquor store/ ABC store/ package store/ packie) to get some rum for our mixed drinks.

6. Sneakers/ Tennis shoes

Sneakers: Northeast

Tennis shoes: Everywhere else

I lace up my (sneakers/ tennis shoes) before I go for a run.

7. Sucker/ Lollipop

Sucker: South and Midwest

Lollipop: Everywhere else

Everytime I go to the bank, the teller gives my son a (sucker/ lollipop).

8. Tractor trailer/ 18 wheeler/ Semi

Tractor trailer: Northeast

18-wheeler: South

Semi: Everywhere else

Passing (tractor trailers/ 18 wheelers/ semis) on the highway at night scares me.

9. Bag/ Sack

Bag: Most of US

Sack: Midwest and South

I want a (bag/ sack) of ice. How much is it?

10. Dinner/ Supper

Dinner: West and East

Supper: South and Midwest

What should I cook for (dinner/ supper): spaghetti or tacos?

11. “Bless your heart”

In the North: “I truly appreciate you.”

In the South: “You’re an idiot.”

**Check out [this video](#) for more examples.*

You brought these vegan hamburgers to the party? Bless your heart.

12. “Give me some sugar”

In the North: “Pass me the sugar (for my coffee, tea, etc.).”

In the South: “Give me a kiss.”

**Usually only grandmas say this.*

13. Being ugly

In the North: Being unattractive

He’s so ugly.

In the South: Acting mean or rude

Stop being ugly to your sister!

Vanessa's Challenge Question

Use the space below to write a few sentences answering this question: **When you want to buy alcohol in your country, where do you go?**

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