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Exercise 1

Fill the gaps by choosing the correct word from the box below. There are fifteen words but only twelve gaps.

very	England	election	two	longest
voted	rectangle	votes	third	cars
states	bigger	highest	flag	candidate

The United States is the (1) _____ biggest country in the world after Russia and Canada. Alaska, the biggest of its (2) _____, is about thirteen times bigger than (3) _____.

The (4) _____ mountain range in the United States is the Rocky Mountains (often called the Rockies), which go all the way from Canada to the state of New Mexico in the south-west of the country. The (5) _____ mountain in the United States is not in the Rockies, however; it is Mount McKinley in Alaska.

The (6) _____ of the United States is called the 'stars and stripes' because it has red and white stripes and, in the top-left corner, a blue (7) _____ with white stars which represent the individual states.

There are more (8) _____ in the United States than in any other country in the world. More than 90% of households have at least one car and the average number of cars per household is (9) _____.

Barack Obama became the president of the United States after winning the presidential (10) _____ in November 2008 as the Democratic Party (11) _____. More people (12) _____ for him than for the Republican Party candidate, John McCain.

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Exercise 2

Can you match the numbers in the first column of the table with the items in the second column?

52	The number of stripes (including both red and white) on the flag of the United States.	(A)
6,194	The number of cars per 1,000 people in the United States.	(B)
8	The year President Barack Obama was born.	(C)
50	The number of different colours on the flag of the United States.	(D)
4,401	The height of Mount McKinley in metres.	(E)
75	The percentage of households in the United States that do not have a car.	(F)
2	The percentage of the vote that Barack Obama received in the presidential election in November 2008.	(G)
750	The height of Mount Elbert, the highest mountain in the Rockies.	(H)
43	The number of states in the United States (and the number of white stars on the country's flag).	(I)
1961	The number of countries in the world that are bigger than the United States.	(J)
13	The United States is about _____ times bigger than England.	(K)
3	The number of people who were president of the United States before Barack Obama.	(L)

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Exercise 3

Decide whether the following sentences are correct or incorrect. Then bet a minimum of 10 points up to a maximum of 50 on your choice.

		Correct/ Incorrect	Points bet	Points lost	Points won
1	Barack Obama is born in 1961.				
2	The Rockies are the longest mountain range in the United States.				
3	There are thirteen strips on the flag of the United States.				
4	In the United States there are not many households that do not have a car.				
5	Barack Obama win the president election in November 2008.				
6	The stars on the flag represent the country's 50 states.				
7	New Mexico is in south-west of the United States.				
8	A lot of people voted for Barack Obama.				
9	The United States is about 75 bigger than England.				
10	The high of Mount McKinley is 6,194 metres.				
11	In the United States there are about 750 cars per 1,000 people.				
12	Only two countries are bigger than the United States.				
13	Alaska is the bigger state in the United States.				
14	Mount McKinley is not on the Rockies.				
15	The average number of cars por household are two.				
	Total points lost and won				
	Final total (subtract total points lost from total points won)				