

### The Famous American Hot Dog

#### Red 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*)? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Read the information and circle the correct answers.

*June / July / August* is National Hot Dog Month, and *Memorial Day / Labor Day / July 4<sup>th</sup>* 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* on their hot dogs, but some would like to eat them with *mustard / ketchup / chocolate*! In the summer Americans like to drink *lemonade / water* and *hot tea / iced tea* with their hot dogs.

3 🔍 [www.hot-dog.org](http://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 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' → 🔍 'YouTube Channel' → Search and 🔍 'A League of their Own (HD) Trailer (1992)'

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

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