

Smiles in America

Review Key Words¹

- show** Show means to make something known or to let people see.
- photographs** Photographs are pictures taken by a camera.
- expect** Expect means to think something will happen.



Write a Prediction

Read the Story²⁻⁴

4 **Most Americans smile easily.**
10 They smile to make others feel
16 **welcome.** They smile to **show** they
23 are happy or to show they think
26 something is **funny.**
31 Americans **often** smile at the
39 people they see a lot. They smile at
44 **neighbors.** They smile at people
51 who work in **banks, post offices,** or
57 stores. They smile the most when
64 they are having a good time with
67 friends and family.
71 Americans **usually** smile for
photographs. Sometimes a person

75 does not feel like smiling. So the
82 **photographer** says, "Say cheese!"
86 When you say the word cheese, it
93 looks like you are smiling.
98 When Americans smile, they
102 usually **expect** others to smile back.
108 People might think you are not happy
115 with them if they smile at you and
123 you don't smile at them.
128 Most of the time, a smile in
135 America can make someone's day
140 **better.**
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words read _____

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cold score

words read _____

- errors _____

= _____
hot score

expression

Answer the Questions

Identifying the main idea⁵

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - a. Americans smile when they are having their photograph taken.
 - b. Americans smile easily, usually when they are happy.
 - c. Americans expect you to smile at them when they smile at you.

Recalling a fact⁶

2. At whom do Americans often smile?
 - a. people they don't know
 - b. people they see a lot
 - c. people who sell things

Getting meaning from context⁷

3. What does **banks** mean in this story?
 - a. places where people keep money
 - b. the land along the sides of rivers
 - c. piles of snow

Making connections within the text⁸

4. Why do Americans smile at neighbors?
 - a. because they want to be friendly to people they see often
 - b. because they always have fun with their neighbors
 - c. because they are very good friends with their neighbors

Processing information⁹

5. Why do people in America smile?

Developing vocabulary¹⁰

6. Write bold-faced words from the story that mean the same as the bold-faced word or words in each sentence below.
 - a. Most people smile when they have their **pictures** taken.

 - b. People usually smile when they see **people who live next door**.

 - c. Americans smile to **let others see** that they are happy.

Applying information¹¹

7. Fill in the blanks with bold-faced words from the story.

Jim lives in a small town in America. People usually _____ when they see Jim. He is a _____ . His _____ come to him to have their pictures taken. Most of the people smile _____ . Sometimes Jim has to do something _____ or tell them to say "cheese" so they will smile.

Number Correct: _____

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Learn New Words

banks¹²

Banks are businesses that work with money. *Many people keep their money in banks.*



better¹³

Better means improved over or superior to the way something was done before. *Lisa took dance lessons because she wanted to be a better dancer.*

easily¹⁴

Easily means without any trouble. *She easily finished the test because she had studied for it.*

expect¹⁵

Expect means to think something will happen. *The weatherperson told us to expect rain later in the day.*

funny¹⁶

Funny means something makes you want to smile or laugh. *The man laughed because his wife told him a funny joke.*

most¹⁷

Most means the greatest in number or degree. *Most of the girls in my class have long hair; only two have short hair.*

neighbors¹⁸

Neighbors are people who live close to you. *Our neighbors put a fence between their yard and our yard.*

often¹⁹

Often means many times. *I often fall asleep when I go on long car rides.*

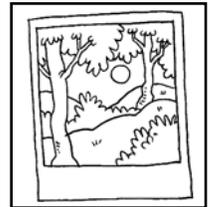
photographer²⁰

A photographer is a person who takes pictures using a camera. *The photographer had us all stand together for our family photograph.*



photographs²¹

Photographs are pictures taken with a camera. *My favorite photographs show me holding my dog when he was a puppy.*



post offices²²

Post offices are places people go to mail letters and packages and to buy stamps. *We have two post offices by our house, so it is always easy to buy stamps.*



Learn New Words, Continued

show²³

Show means to make something known or to let people see. *Pedro wanted to show his feelings for Sara by giving her a ring.*

smile²⁴

Smile means to turn up the corners of your mouth, usually because you are happy. *I smile when I see a puppy playing with a ball.*



usually²⁵

Usually means most of the time. *Summer days are usually hot, but sometimes they can be cool.*

welcome²⁶

Welcome means wanted or included in a group or at a place. *The boys make Ted feel welcome when they ask him to play soccer with them.*