

Lecture 5 (Part I)

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: PART II. MAIN LANDMARKS



New York City

- 1626 New Amsterdam
- most populous city in the USA (over 8 million)



- 5 boroughs:

Manhattan (incl. Harlem)

Brooklyn

The Bronx

Queens

Staten Island



- Nicknames:

“The Big Apple”, Center of the Universe, The City That Never Sleeps, The Capital of the World

The Empire State
Building (1931)
Midtown Manhattan
102-story skyscraper

Designer: William F.
Lamb

National Historic
Landmark



Flatiron Building

Completed in 1902

*Designed by Daniel
Burnham*

Style: Vertical

*Renaissance palazzo
with Beaux-Arts styling*

NYC's icon



Times Square "The Crossroads of the World"

Theatre District
Broadway



Central Park NYC



Part II. American/British English
vs. "Moscow News English" and


Political correctness

-Financial questions

Did he earn very much money?

Did he make a lot of money?

*Did he do all right for himself?/Did
he come out all right?/Did he do
well?*



-Optimistic language and political
correctness/American
mentality/positive thinking

*Everything will work out/Everything
is going to be all right*

Fine/great

*To fix the optimistic attitude to life in
the language*

A life-affirming experience



Minor

flaws/imperfections/defects

*Failure to achieve/reach/there
was a lack of/mutual
understanding*



*Rationalizing of the work
force/downsizing*

*Cozy=a tight squeeze, a hole
in the wall*


*Picturesque/lovely/quaint/rura
llocation/
neighborhood/community*



*No stores in walking
distance*

Have fun/You can do it!

*Vs. “Смотри, не падай”,
“Осторожно, не
пачкайся”*




*Everything is for the best in the
best of possible worlds*

Protestant work ethic

Go for the gold

To show a positive face



*Have a nice day/Have an
excellent day/I hope you have
a nice day/Enjoy*

Here you go

Drive safely



*He's a good person vs. he is a
good person to know*

*He is a cheerful person vs. He is
a very positive person=he is
always upbeat/in a good
mood/he's got a great sense of
humor*



Political correctness

Linguistically correct
behavior

Homeland vs.
motherland and
fatherland




What's your nationality

What is your ethnic background?


In my/our country

Henry Beard and Christopher
Cerf, *The Official Politically
Correct Dictionary and
Handbook* (New York: Villard
Books, 1992).



Horizontally challenged,
non-human animal
companions


Flight attendant, steward,
stewardess



Poor people, disadvantaged
people; old people, seniors;
Natives, indigenous people

Mankind, humankind; fireperson,
fireman

Chairperson, chairman,
chairwoman



Sex roles, gender roles;
sexual discrimination,
gender discrimination


The weaker sex; sexual
harassment



Prostitutes=Sex
workers

Alternative life style

Sick, perverted; fag,
fairy



Birth mother, biological
mother, real mother

Pro-choice, pro-life

ADD=attention-deficiency
disorder



Mentally/developmentally
challenged people

Physically challenged,
handicapped, a disabled person,
invalid, cripple

Drug addict= substance abuser



Slums=substandard housing

Reduced state of awareness

Negative care patient
outcome



African-American, black,
Negro, colored;
Native American,
American Indian



Negation

Better luck next time

You poor thing! = loser



*You poor thing! But I'm sure
you'll manage/come through
this all right/be fine*

*He has got to get his act
together*

Success breeds success



Uncultured=someone who has bad manners

“Negative Norm Behavior“

From the negative to the positive

Do not disappear, Stay in touch

Don't be sick again, Stay well

Don't be in despair/sad, Cheer

up/Chin up (convers.)/Hang in there



Thank you!