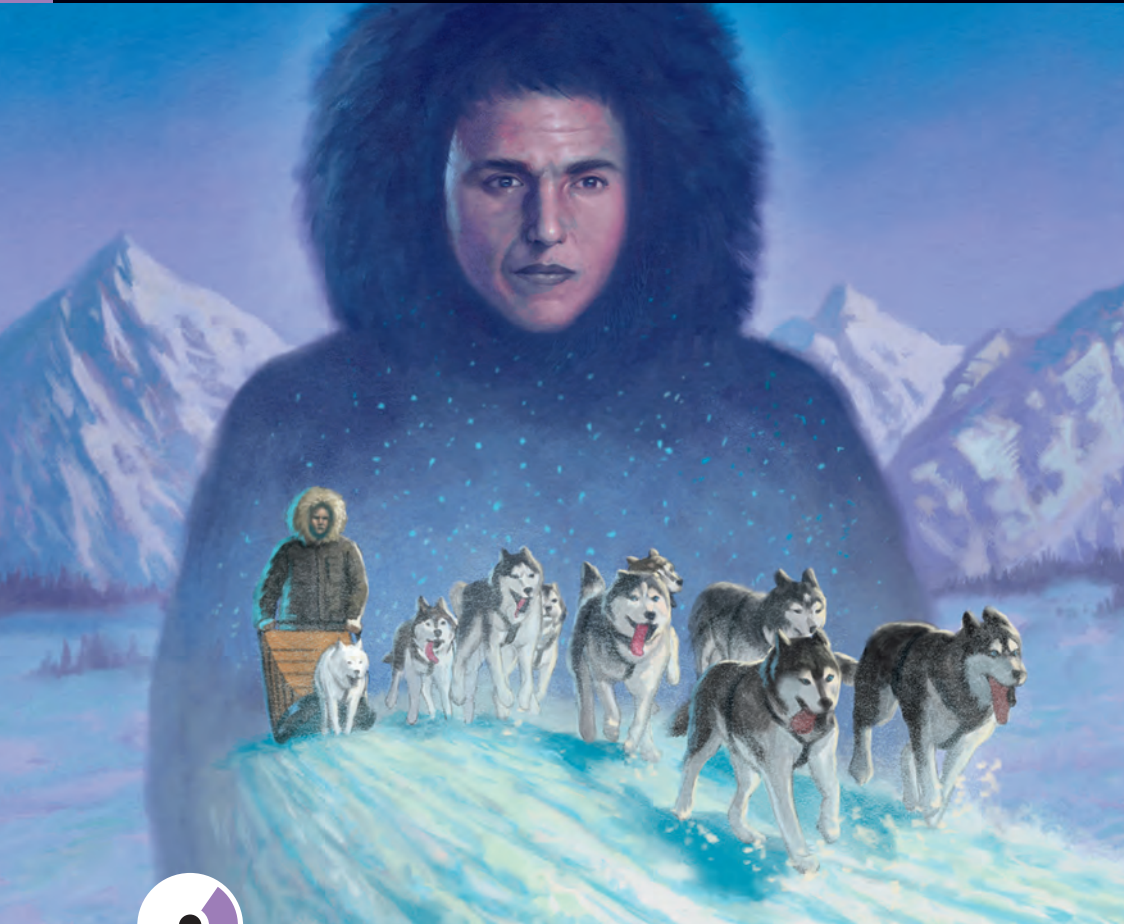


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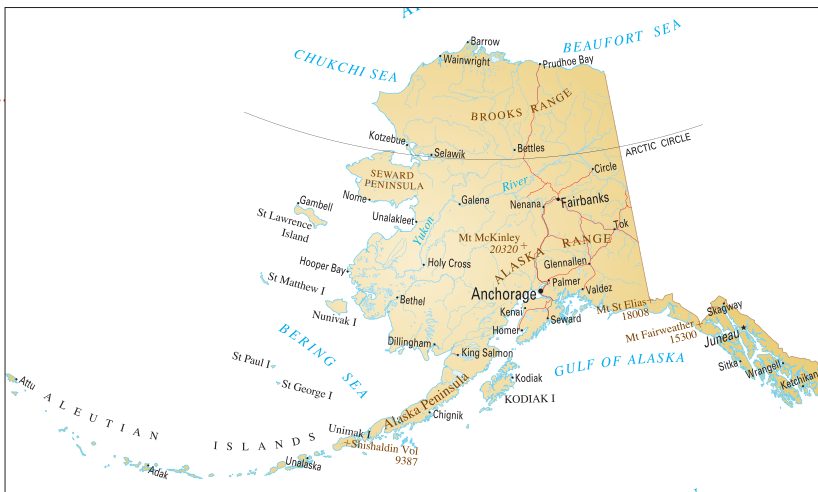
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# Alaska

Alaska is the largest state in the United States of America, but it has the smallest number of people. Only about 739,000 people live there, and most of them live in the cities.

Everything about Alaska is big! Denali, also called Mount McKinley, is the highest mountain in North America: 20,310 feet (6,190 meters). The Yukon River is one of the longest navigable<sup>1</sup> rivers in the world: 1,980 miles (3,190 km).

About one third of Alaska is within the Arctic Circle. As you can see on the map, Alaska is a very big peninsula next to Canada. Winters in Alaska are extremely cold with temperatures that go down to  $-100^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $-73^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). In winter the days are short and the nights are long. In summer, daylight can last up to 20 hours, and temperatures can go as high as  $+100^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $+38^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).

Alaska has eight beautiful national parks that you can visit. Denali National Park and Kodiak Island Wildlife Refuge are the most famous. Kodiak Island is the home of the wonderful Kodiak bear, the largest brown bear in the world!

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1. **Navigable** : you can travel on this river.

Alaska is a land of great contrasts. There are smoking volcanoes,<sup>2</sup> frozen tundra,<sup>3</sup> huge forests and a beautiful coast on the Pacific Ocean.

## **The Inuit**

About 14,000 years ago, people from Asia crossed the Bering Strait. Some of them stayed in Alaska and others moved slowly South to North America, Central America and South America. At that time the sea levels around the Bering Strait were lower and a land bridge made it easier to cross.

The Inuit are the first people who lived in Alaska. The Inuit also live in Canada, Greenland and around the Arctic Circle. Some people call them Eskimos, but today the Inuit prefer their own name.

In the past the Inuit lived in igloos, made of blocks of snow and ice, during the winter. In the summer they lived in tents made of animal skins. The Inuit were great hunters<sup>4</sup> and fishermen, and they loved

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2. **Volcano** :



3. **Tundra** : an area of very cold, flat land with no trees.

4. **Hunter** : this person kills animals for food.



A traditional Inuit igloo.

Nature. Today the Inuit are still great hunters and fishermen, but most of them live in modern houses.

## **History**

In 1867 the United States bought the territory of Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million. This was called the Alaska Purchase and many Americans did not agree with it. They thought that Alaska was only a land of snow and ice. They didn't know about its many natural resources. Alaska became the 49<sup>th</sup> state of the United States in 1959.

Between 1896 and 1899 gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon in northwestern Canada. The Yukon was near Alaska, and many people traveled to Alaska. This was called the Klondike Gold Rush. Between 1899 and the early 1900s, gold was found in Nome and Fairbanks, Alaska. And there was another big gold rush.

The famous American writer Jack London (1876-1916) went to the Klondike to look for gold, but he didn't find any. He left the Klondike with no gold, but with many ideas for his best stories like *The Call of the Wild* (1903) and *White Fang* (1906).



A beautiful Alaskan landscape.

## Natural Resources

Alaska has many important natural resources: oil (petroleum), natural gas and timber. <sup>5</sup> The Trans-Alaska Pipeline is Alaska's biggest business. (see Dossier: *Energy and Environment*, page 33). Its fishing business is one of the largest in the United States. Alaska is famous for its excellent salmon <sup>6</sup> and sells it all over the world.

## Cities

Juneau is the capital of Alaska, but Anchorage is the biggest city. Juneau is the only American capital that is on an island, and you can get there only by air or by sea. Other important cities are Fairbanks, Nome, Seward, Valdez and Sitka.

## Comprehension check

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Alaska is the *smallest / largest* American state with the *largest / smallest* population.
- 2 *Most / About one third* of Alaska is within the Arctic Circle.
- 3 Alaska has eight *big rivers / national parks*.
- 4 The native people of Alaska are called *Indians / Inuit*.
- 5 The United States bought the territory of Alaska from *Russia / Canada* for *\$72 million / \$7.2 million* in 1867.
- 6 Most Americans thought that the purchase of Alaska was a *bad idea / good idea*.
- 7 Jack London was a *great American explorer / American writer*.
- 8 Juneau is located on a *high mountain / an island*.

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5. **Timber** : different kinds of trees that are used to make buildings, furniture and other products.

6. **Salmon** :





## CHAPTER 1

# November in Phoenix



**I**t was another warm November morning in Phoenix<sup>1</sup> and Karen and Justin Parker were getting ready to go to school. Karen was a pretty girl of sixteen, with long brown hair, green eyes and a friendly smile. She loved animals and all kinds of modern music. She worked as a volunteer at the Phoenix Animal Shelter on Saturdays, because she wanted to become a vet. She learned many things about animals at the shelter.



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Her brother Justin was a tall, handsome boy of seventeen, with short brown hair and blue eyes. He was one of the best players on the high school basketball team. He was a member of the journalism club which published the monthly school paper. He wanted to become a journalist and travel to different countries. Justin and his sister attend Washington High School.

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1. **Phoenix** : a big city in Arizona.

# November in Phoenix



“Karen, Justin! Breakfast is ready and on the table,” said Mrs Parker, an attractive woman of about forty. She had short blonde hair, blue eyes and wore glasses. “I’m going upstairs to take breakfast to grandpa. I’ll be back in a few minutes.” Grandpa Parker lived with the family because his wife died last year and he couldn’t live alone because he hurt his leg. So the Parkers looked after him. Karen and Justin loved their grandpa. He often told them exciting stories about his adventures at sea. He was a big, tall man of about seventy-five, with a lot of white hair and bright blue eyes.

“Good morning, guys!” said Mr Parker, a tall, thin man of about forty-five. He had brown hair, brown eyes, and a happy smile. George Parker was a petroleum engineer and he often traveled to other countries. He was an expert on oil pipelines.

“The weather report says that it’s going to be a very warm November,” said Mr Parker, drinking his coffee. Phoenix always had good weather with a lot of sunshine and very little rain.

“That means we can have Thanksgiving dinner in the garden with all the colored lights,” said Karen happily. “I love eating outdoors.”

“Thanksgiving?” said Justin, putting milk into his cereal bowl. “The only thing I can think about is our next basketball game against Lincoln High—it’s going to be a hard one.”

Suddenly the phone rang and Mr Parker answered it. As he spoke on the phone his happy smile disappeared and he looked worried. It was a long phone call and he walked out of the kitchen. Karen, Justin and Mrs Parker looked worried, too.

When Mr Parker came back to the breakfast table he was upset and said, “You kids finish your breakfast, or you’ll be late for school. And I’ll be late for work! I’ll tell you all about the phone call this evening at dinner. It looks like we’re *not* going to have a Thanksgiving dinner in our garden...”

“What’s happening?” asked Mrs Parker, Karen and Justin.

“We’ll discuss it this evening,” said Mr Parker.

## The Text and *beyond*

### Comprehension check

**1** **KEY** Choose the correct answer a, b, or c. There is an example at the beginning (0).

- 0 Karen Parker was
- a  a vet at the Phoenix Animal Shelter.
  - b  a volunteer at the Phoenix Animal Shelter.
  - c  a basketball player on the high school team.
- 1 Justin wanted to become
- a  a high school teacher.
  - b  a petroleum engineer.
  - c  a journalist.
- 2 Karen wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving
- a  in the garden.
  - b  with her friend Michelle.
  - c  at the shopping center.
- 3 George Parker had to go to Alaska
- a  to celebrate Thanksgiving with his colleague Jim Nakodi.
  - b  to visit his grandpa.
  - c  because an earthquake damaged the pipeline.
- 4 George Parker decided to go to Alaska
- a  by car.
  - b  by plane.
  - c  by train.
- 5 Karen and Justin have to
- a  call their mom and grandpa every day.
  - b  dress warmly.
  - c  go shopping with Michelle.

**Odd one out!**

2 Choose the word that doesn't belong.

- |   |            |           |            |           |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1 | basketball | football  | volleyball | club      |
| 2 | sister     | colleague | brother    | grandpa   |
| 3 | city       | town      | state      | village   |
| 4 | Alaska     | Arizona   | Florida    | America   |
| 5 | meal       | dinner    | lunch      | breakfast |
| 6 | vet        | friend    | journalist | engineer  |

3 Fill in the gaps with the odd words from exercise 2.

- Karen and Justin lived in .....
- The Parker family ate their ..... in the kitchen.
- Michelle was Karen's .....
- The city of Phoenix is in the ..... of Arizona.
- Justin belonged to the Journalism ..... at school.
- Jim Nakodi was George's .....

4 Now find the odd words in the Word Square.

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