

Reading

1. Read the article. Which information did you already know?

Getting to Know California

- California is the third largest state in the United States. Only Alaska and Texas are bigger.
- California is growing faster than any other state. Its rate of growth is over 1% a year.
- California has many different types of weather. There are ocean beaches for people who want to swim, and snowy inland mountains for those who like to ski.
- According to an estimate, 90% of the fresh fruits and vegetables people eat in the United States come from Central Valley.
- California has the highest mountain in the mainland states. Mount Whitney is almost 15,000 feet high. Every year thousands of people try to climb to the top.
- California has the lowest point in the United States. It's in Death Valley National Park where the land is 282 feet below sea level.
- California has the oldest trees in the nation. Some of the redwoods in northern California are over 2,000 years old.
- Tourists from all over the world come to Hollywood. They go to see the movie studios. They're also hoping to meet their favorite movie stars on the streets.

2. Read the statements. Then write *T* if the statement is true, or *F* if it is false.

 T 1. Most of the fresh fruits and vegetables eaten in the United States come from California.

 2. It never snows in California.

 3. The highest mountain in the entire United States is in California.

 4. California is the fastest growing state.

 5. Tourists come to Hollywood to meet movie stars in the studios.

 6. Only two other states in the United States are larger than California.

 7. There are movie studios in the Central Valley.

 8. The oldest trees in the United States are the redwood trees.

 9. The weather in California differs from region to region.

