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Greetings from Editors

Dear readers!

My name is Le Quang Ha, I am 15 years old, I am a schoolboy in Thai Nguyen. I would like to present a book entitled "101 facts about the United States of America" to you. This is not my book. I mean I did not write the whole thing, I just compile the pieces of information to make it a book. I hope it will be of some helps for those who are studying English at schools.

As an English language learner, I understand that speaking and writing are so important as my daddy, who is the co-editor of this book, said productive skills need receptive skills to support. This is one of the sources for receptive skills. That means when you read these pieces of information you are accumulating ideas for speaking and writing. I also understand that with the development of technologies, you can access to the massive database through Mr. Google. However, from my experience as a computer user, I hardly ever read anything from computer but playing games or surfing sites. That is the reason for me to compile this books.

The book is designed with a short reading as the first part, followed by a small comprehension check in form of multiple-choice questions. Along with the reading, you can listening to American voiced audio accompanied with the book. I think that it is really helpful for those who wish to practice speaking and listening to standard English.

In order to complete the book, I own my daddy for his inspirations and my mommy who helped me with typing and correcting mistakes, my dear sister Le Quynh Giang for her encouragement and cooking food for me at nights.

I do hope you can enjoy knowledge from this collection.

Le Quang Ha

A BABY SHOWER

While many women are involved in planning their bridal showers, a baby shower usually comes as a complete surprise. A baby shower is a party where a pregnant woman is "showered" with gifts and good wishes. A baby shower is usually given by a close female friend or relative of the mother-to-be. Sometimes co-workers of a pregnant person will also throw a baby shower.

The baby shower is usually given when the mother-to-be is between 6 and 9 months pregnant. Sometimes though, because predicting the due date of a baby isn't always exact, a baby shower can happen after the baby is born. A baby shower can be held in someone's home or outside, like in a restaurant or catering hall. Traditionally only women are invited to a baby shower. However, more and more baby showers are also including the father-to-be. Like with a bridal shower, a mother-to-be will often register a wish list of things she wants at one or several stores. This list usually consists of things the mother wants for her baby including clothes, diapers and even furniture like high chairs and cribs. This way friends and family members can go to the store and buy something from the list. Registering helps make sure that there aren't repeat items, like 30 bottles when a new mom only needed 15.

Some baby showers also feature a paper mache wishing well. This is not just for decoration. People can put cards inside with wishes for the new baby and mom. Most of these cards also contain money or gift cards to help the mom-to-be buy whatever else she needs for the baby. Sometimes there are games at a baby shower. In one game everyone guesses the due date of the baby. Another game has people taste baby food and guess the flavor.