



The East Coast of the United States is the coastline along which the Eastern United States meets the North Atlantic Ocean.

The East Coast consists of, from north to south, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington DC, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

The East Coast is home to the original thirteen colonies of Great Britain. English Pilgrims first landed in the area known now as Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. It is the birthplace of American freedom after the Revolutionary War between the American Colonies and Great Britain, as well as the area of conflict during the Civil War, where the northern states and southern states fought over independent state's rights and slavery.

► Vocabulary

Wicked (Massachusetts) – very, really
“It's wicked cold out here!”

Mad (New York, New Jersey) very, really
“That's mad cool.”

Janky (New Hampshire) – poor quality
“This janky car isn't going to last another drive.”

Gumption (Southern) – spirit, courage
“That girl's got some real gumption.”

Noreaster (Northeast) – a strong wind or storm blowing in from the northeast
“The news said a Noreaster's hitting us this Sunday.”

Snowbirds (Florida) – people who live in the North, but come to the South for winter to escape the cold
“The snowbirds are making the beach so crowded!”

Packie (Massachusetts) – a liquor store
“I'm heading to the packie to pick up some beers for the weekend.”

Fixin' to (Southern) – about to
“I'm fixin' to make dinner.”

► Example Sentences

Try making sentences using East Coast vocabulary!

1. I/fixin' to/go/store - _____
2. I/packie/before/Noreaster - _____
3. I/dont/gumption/sing/audience - _____
4. Movie/wicked/boring - _____
5. Concert/mad/fun - _____
6. My/old cellphone/janky/use - _____