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- Megan:** Hi, everybody, and welcome back to another video for the LearnEnglish Teens website and their YouTube channel. Today I'm joined by my friend, Chris. Do you want to introduce yourself?
- Chris:** I'm Chris. I'm from New York – America, for people who don't know where New York is! And, yeah, I'm currently living in Hanover as a language assistant.
- Megan:** In this video I'm going to be testing Chris on his cultural knowledge of the UK, and he's going to be testing me on my knowledge of America. OK, question number one. I'm going to give you three options: A, B and C. What street, or what is the name of the street, that the British Prime Minister lives on? A: 10 Downing Street, B: 11 Chichester Road or C: 10 Dorchester Street? Do you recognise any of those names?
- Chris:** A sounds the most familiar but I don't ... is that right?
- Megan:** It's right!
- Chris:** Oh my God!
- Megan:** 10 Downing Street is where the Prime Minister lives.
- Chris:** OK, so my first question is ...
- Megan:** Oh, I'm scared!
- Chris:** How many states are there in the US?
- Megan:** 50.
- Chris:** Ha!
- Megan:** What is the name of William and Kate's oldest child?
- Chris:** I wouldn't know ...
- Megan:** This is Prince William, by the way.
- Chris:** OK. No, I don't know. Not off the top of my head.
- Megan:** If I say it begins with 'G' ...
- Chris:** George?
- Megan:** Yeah! George, Prince George.
- Chris:** OK. I think this one's a little bit harder, but we'll see.
- Megan:** OK.
- Chris:** What do the stripes on the American flag represent?
- Megan:** Oh, I don't ...
- Chris:** There's 13 of them.
- Megan:** Was it, is it something to do with the founders of the Constitution?
- Chris:** No. It has to do with the colonies.
- Megan:** Thirteen colonies of America?

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- Chris:** Yep, that's it.
- Megan:** I didn't know that. Which sport is Wimbledon famous for?
- Chris:** Oh, tennis! OK, we kind of talked about this before but this is kind of hard, so we'll see.
- Megan:** OK.
- Chris:** So, what do we call the four years of college in the US?
- Megan:** What do you call the four years of college? Oh, I see – I have to name each of the separate years?
- Chris:** Yeah.
- Megan:** Oh, I thought ... OK, sorry. I thought there was, like, an overall title. OK, so there's freshman, sophomore, junior, senior.
- Chris:** Yeah! That's it.
- Megan:** Yeah! I'm glad I got that. OK, good. Well, I got half a point, really.
- Chris:** That was a hard one. That was, like, four questions in one.
- Megan:** Yeah, it was actually! OK, erm – when did London host the Olympic Games? What year?
- Chris:** Was it in the 2000s?
- Megan:** Yep. Relatively recently,
- Chris:** Was it, erm, 2008? 2012?
- Megan:** 2012, yeah!
- Chris:** Cool.
- Megan:** Nearly!
- Chris:** OK. Well, this one's fun, I think. What do we call biscuits?
- Megan:** Cookies?
- Chris:** Yep!
- Megan:** I knew that! I definitely eat loads ...
- Chris:** Who was the first president of the United States?
- Megan:** I knew you were going to ask me this and I was, like, 'Oh, I'll just double-check', and I haven't double-checked. I don't want to get it wrong! It's George Washington?
- Chris:** Yep!
- Megan:** OK, good! Because I'm always unsure whether it's George Washington or Abraham Lincoln.
- Chris:** Abraham Lincoln was, like, 13th or something, I think.
- Megan:** Yeah, yeah. OK. OK. Whew, I'm glad I got that! That could have been really embarrassing. OK, question number five: what is the nickname for an East End London accent? I have A, B or C, but if you know it, then ...
- Chris:** I don't know it.
- Megan:** OK, A: Brummie, B: Geordie or C: Cockney. It's quite a well-known accent.

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- Chris:** Is it Cockney?
- Megan:** Yeah. What is the nickname for London's underground? So, what British people call it?
- Chris:** Oh, the Tube?
- Megan:** Yeah! Who created The X Factor? The name of the guy who ... I mean, he's one of the most ...
- Chris:** He's British?
- Megan:** Yeah.
- Chris:** Is it Simon Cowell?
- Megan:** Simon Cowell, yeah! You're definitely doing better than me so far, oh my gosh!
- Chris:** I feel like my questions are harder, though. I don't know.
- Megan:** Yours are gradually getting harder.
- Chris:** Are they? Well, why don't we just have two more, and they're both just American words that I'm pretty sure British people don't use, so ...
- Megan:** Oh, I like questions like this. OK.
- Chris:** So, what's a doohickey?
- Megan:** I mean, when I hear the word 'hickey' I definitely think of something ...
- Chris:** It's not a hickey!
- Megan:** OK, got it! A 'duehickey'?
- Chris:** A doohickey.
- Megan:** A 'do'? D-O?
- Chris:** D-O-O.
- Megan:** I have never heard of that, ever. There's probably loads of people watching, like, 'Oh my God, it's so obvious.'
- Chris:** I honestly don't say it that often. I think it's a kind of older word, but ...
- Megan:** Can you give me ... in what context would you say it? Can you say it in a sentence?
- Chris:** Like, for example, I'd be, like, 'Oh, can you give me the doohickey?'
- Megan:** Is it like a thingy?
- Chris:** Yeah.
- Megan:** Ah! So, would you say it about, like, a TV remote?
- Chris:** Yeah, if I can't think of the word, I'll just be, like, 'Oh, give me the doohickey.'
- Megan:** Whereas I'd just say, 'Give me the thingy.' Oh, OK. I quite like that, 'doohickey'! That's cool. Oh, it's my go.
- Chris:** Last question.
- Megan:** This is my last question, yeah. What is the nickname for the flag of the UK?
- Chris:** I feel like I should know this, but I ...

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- Megan:** Mmm, I don't know. It's quite ...
- Chris:** I don't know. Do I get a ...
- Megan:** It's three words. The first one, 'the'.
- Chris:** I feel like when you tell me, I'm going to know it, but I don't, I can't think of it right now.
- Megan:** Are you ready to give up?
- Chris:** Yeah.
- Megan:** The Union Jack.
- Chris:** Oh, yeah! I've definitely heard that! OK. OK, my last question is ...
- Megan:** I really want to get this right.
- Chris:** What's a faucet?
- Megan:** A faucet?
- Chris:** A faucet.
- Megan:** Again, I think I need a sentence. I've never heard of it, so ...
- Chris:** Umm ...
- Megan:** How are you spelling it?
- Chris:** F-A-U-C-E-T.
- Megan:** Oh, OK. Does that have anything to do with ...
- Chris:** So, like, turn on the faucet.
- Megan:** Turn on?
- Chris:** It's in the kitchen.
- Megan:** I have never ...
- Chris:** You get water from it.
- Megan:** Tap?
- Chris:** Yeah!
- Megan:** You call a tap a faucet? That sounds like a different language! That doesn't sound like English.
- Chris:** I mean, it probably came from French, I'd say.
- Megan:** Yeah, I mean, yeah, it sounds French. Cool! So, is that it? Are we done?
- Chris:** That's it, yeah.
- Megan:** Well, Chris, definitely ... you've definitely won. Thank you ever so much for watching. I really hope you enjoyed this video and, if you did, like this and subscribe to the British Council's LearnEnglish Teens. Thank you very much.
- Chris:** See ya!
- Megan:** Bye!