New England

**New England**: collective name given to the six states of the northeast United States, namely, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut

**Boston**: the capital of Massachusetts
Located on Boston Bay, it is the largest city in Massachusetts and New England. Boston not only dominates much of New England but also exerts influence on the rest of the country through its banks, financial institutions, insurance companies and educational institutions. Boston is a service-orientated city with over half of its labour force engaged in government, education and other service jobs. The city abounds in historic sites. The first permanent settlers arrived there in 1630. These first colonists were Puritans led by John Winthrop. Their settlement was named after Boston in Lincolnshire, England.

**Cambridge**: city in Massachusetts, close to Boston
Cambridge is a noted educational and research centre: it’s the seat of Harvard University (1636), the first college in North America. Founded as New Towne in 1630, it was renamed in 1638 after Cambridge in England.

**Plymouth**: town in Massachusetts
The town has industries producing metal goods and textiles and it’s a fishing centre and summer resort – but its main focus is as a tourist spot as the site of the famous landing of the Pilgrims (1620), who founded the first permanent European settlement in New England. They named the community after their point of departure – Plymouth on the Devonshire coast in England.

**Plimoth Plantation**: living-history museum dedicated to recreating the way of life in the 17th century in the New World

**Cape Cod**: peninsula in southeastern Massachusetts
The cape is sandy, hilly, and thickly forested in spots and contains many lakes and ponds. It is well-known as a summer resort and has excellent facilities for swimming, fishing and boating.

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