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### **Gun violence in the USA**

Sarah: I heard an amazing thing today: there are about as many firearms in the US as people!

W: Of course! According to the second Amendment to the US Constitution, people are allowed “to keep and bear arms”, and millions in the US passionately believe that their liberty and their safety are dependent on the easy availability of guns.

Sarah: what nonsense! More than seventy five people die each day over there as a result of gunfire, whether suicidal, homicidal or accidental.

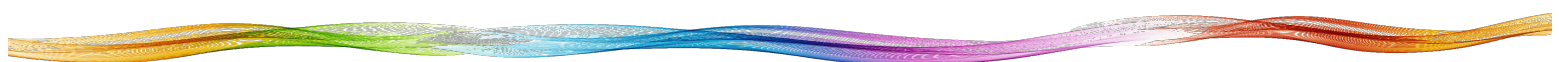
W: Well, Americans have always used a gun to defend themselves and their property ever since the early pioneers arrived in America. And according to the National Rifle Association, “guns don’t kill, people do”.

Sarah: as a consequence, in places where gun ownership is common, the rate of gun-related suicide is high, as well as school shootings. Lawmakers hear the public when shootings in schools are big news; then they vote with the gun lobby...such hypocrisy.

W: Well, some talk about conducting background checks before allowing the sale of a gun.

Sarah: this is not enough! By the time they reach the age of fifteen, American teenagers have already witnessed tens of thousands of acts of violence on television or at the movies.

W: The phenomenon is so big that American politicians wanting to tighten gun control laws are skating on thin ice.





## GLOSSARY

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To be allowed	Gun-related suicide
To keep	School shooting
To bear	Big news
To die	Lawmakers
To defend	The gun lobby
To kill	Such hypocrisy
To vote	Background checks
To conduct	The sale of a gun
to reach	tens of thousands
To witness	Acts of violence
To tighten	At the movies
To skate on thin ice	Gun control laws
Firearms	Thin ice
the second Amendment	Passionately
US Constitution	Dependent
Their liberty	Whether
Their safety	Suicidal
the easy availability	Homicidal
Guns	Accidental
Gunfire : un coup de feu, une fusillade	According to
Their property : leurs biens	
the early pioneers	
the National Rifle Association	
Gun ownership	



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