

Most homes in America, and almost all hotel rooms, have a bathtub\*, or tub\*, with a shower in it. So people take their baths and showers in the same place. Adults and teenagers in the States usually take a shower in the morning before they go to work or school, and after they go to a gym and exercise. So why do Americans consider it very important to have a bathtub?

Adults generally only take a bath when they have a lot of time, and when they have the time they love to take a nice, hot bath to relax. And children don't usually take showers. They take baths, and they often take their bath in the evening right before bedtime. Why? Well, some small children don't like to take a bath to get clean, but they usually love to play in water. During a bath, children can wash and play with their toys at the same time. There are even a lot of toys designed especially for children to play with in the tub. And after they take a bath and play a little, they are usually ready to go to bed.

Are there any differences between these customs in the U.S. and in the country where you live?



\* bathtub, tub — (noun) a rectangular container, usually a fixture in a bathroom, used for taking a bath.