

# A DAY OUT IN NEW YORK



Characters	Words	Places	Shows
Alcione [ <i>ˌæɪl'saɪəni</i> ] (Central Park)	to offer	The Metropolitan	Phantom of the Opera
Erica (Times Square)	to be located	Museum of Art	Chicago
Debra (Broadway)	a middle	The Boat House	Wicked
Michelle (Brooklyn Bridge)	surrounded	The ABC building	La Cage aux Folles
	a path	Bubba Gump Shrimp	
	to work out		
	a bay		
	a district		
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I. Watch and work:	
True / False / No information	Questions
<b>Central Park</b>	
1. Central Park is located in the middle of Manhattan.	1) What is Central Park surrounded with?
2. Central Park covers more than 6 km <sup>2</sup>	2) What do people do in Central Park?
3. You can find the highest skyscrapers in the world in Central Park.	3) What does Alcione like to do in Central Park?
4. Alcione comes to Central Park once a week.	4) What kind of interesting places can you find in Central Park?
5. Alcione thinks that Central Park is not big, but beautiful.	5) What does she like the most about Central Park?
6. The Boat House is a restaurant in Central Park.	
<b>Times Square</b>	
1. Erica often comes to Times Square because the place of her work is here.	1) What is the difference between Central Park and Times Square?
2. Times Square is beautiful at night.	2) Why does Erica love this place?
3. The ABC building is interesting for Erica because she is in journalism now.	3) What kinds of places can you find here?
4. Bubba Gump Shrimp is a shop.	
5. Times Square is far from Broadway.	
<b>Broadway theatres</b>	
1. Debra has seen 4 shows in the last few months.	1) What shows has she visited?
2. Debra would like to visit Broadway more often.	2) What does she like the most about Broadway shows?
	3) How often Debra come here to see a show?
	4) What is Debra's favourite show? Why?
	5) What is Debra's description of Broadway?
<b>Brooklyn Bridge</b>	
1. Manhattan is an island.	1) What is the best way to get to Manhattan if you live in Brooklyn?
2. The Brooklyn Bridge is one of newest bridges in the USA.	2) What does Michelle like the most about the Brooklyn Bridge?
	3) What can you see from the Brooklyn Bridge?
<b>Why is New York so popular?</b>	

II. Fill the gaps with proper words:
<p>When we hear "New York", we usually think of ____, but there are many other interesting places in New York. For example, Central Park. It is located in the __ of Manhattan. Central park is very ____. In this park people like to ____ . You can visit ____ Museum that is next to Central Park and have lunch at ____ . Times Square is ____ in comparison to Central park. There are a lot of people, lights and much to do at Times Square. ____ is a good restaurant, you should try it. Times Square is not far from ____ . Broadway is famous for its shows. You can meet ____ here. People come on Broadway to enjoy ____ music and acting. Manhattan is an island, it's ____ from other 4 districts by ____ . The easiest way to get to Manhattan is by taking ____ . Its architecture is beautiful. People like it as a symbol of Brooklyn and New York. From it we can see ____ . New York is probably the best place to spend a day out because of New York's ____ .</p>

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## **GROUP A:**

Write the number of the picture into this chart.

<b>Statue of Liberty</b>	<b>Chinatown</b>
<b>World Trade Center / Ground Zero</b>	<b>Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum</b>
<b>Brooklyn Heights</b>	<b>Times Square</b>
<b>Rockefeller Center</b>	<b>Shea Stadium in Queens</b>
<b>Coney Island</b>	<b>Brooklyn Bridge</b>

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<b>Empire State Building</b>	<b>Little Italy</b>
<b>Fifth Avenue</b>	<b>The Plaza</b>
<b>Grand Central Terminal</b>	<b>Madison Square</b>
<b>Bronx Zoo</b>	<b>Ellis Island</b>
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# New York

New York is situated in New York State at the mouth of the Hudson river.



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New York is one the largest cities in the world with almost 8 million inhabitants.

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It is divided into five boroughs: Manhattan, The Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The centre of New York is called Manhattan. Manhattan is the economic and cultural centre. In



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Central Park, a huge green gardens and woods. People riding, swimming and jogging in it.

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## Answer the questions.

1. Where is New York?
2. How many people live in New York?
3. How many boroughs are there in New York?
4. What is Manhattan?
5. Where is Central Park?
6. Can people go in Central Park?
7. What are the most important skyscrapers?
8. How many floors do the Empire State Building?
9. What happened in 2001?
10. What does The Statue of Liberty commemorate?

Greenwich, December 10th

*Dear Paula*

Hi! My name is Tiffany Morton and I live in New York. My apartment is in Greenwich village. I am 14. I study Italian at school and I am very happy to have an Italian penfriend.

Let me introduce me and my family.

My family is a typical New York family. My grandfather is from Poland and my grandmother is from Italy. My Mum's family is from Ireland.

My Dad is a sculptor and my mother is an art teacher. I am interested in arts and I like to go to museums. I love the Museum of Modern Art. We also enjoy going to Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty.

My brother Jack is 8 and he is at school. He is fond of chess and handball. His team plays well. My sister, Ana, is 17 and she is an apprentice in a vet's. She is crazy about animals and R&B music. Her favorite pet is our cat, Socks.

I like Central Park. I enjoy rollerblading and running in the park. I also like swimming at the pool with my friends after school. I like reading comics, watching series and listening to pop and rap music. I like going to the theatre on Broadway and to Chinatown to eat Chinese food.

New York is a very beautiful city. 8 million people live here.

Write me soon and send me some pictures of you and your family.

*Tiffany*



# COMPREHENSION

## Identify

- This document is  an email  
 an article  
 a letter

## Places

What are these places called?



Find this information in the text

Read the text again carefully and find the answers.

1. The name of a park in New York
2. The names of four different countries
3. Two of Tiffany's interests
4. Her parents' jobs
5. Two things you can do in Central Park
6. The population of New York

I understand the essential information of this letter

True or False?

1. Tiffany lives in the USA.
2. Tiffany's family is from Europe.
3. Tiffany's parents are sellers.
4. Tiffany and her family don't like visiting their town.
5. Tiffany enjoys sports.
6. Tiffany is fond of noodles and rice.

I can write a simple letter

Write a letter of reply to Tiffany from Paula. Write to her about your nationality, hobbies, likes/dislikes and where you live.