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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. How many people live in New York ? _____
2. Which borough
 - a. is the only district that is located on the mainland ? _____
 - b. is the home of major banks and stock exchanges ? _____
 - c. has the most residents ? _____
 - d. is often referred to as the city's largest suburb ? _____
 - e. was reached only by ferry for a long time ? _____
3. What is a melting pot ? _____
4. Which place was the main point of entry for European immigrants ? _____
5. Where did immigrants after World War II mainly come from ? _____
6. Name a few famous museums in New York ? _____
7. The largest theatre district in the world is located around _____
8. What does the term "megacity" mean ? _____
9. Foreign travelers come to New York mainly through _____ airport
10. New York was originally called _____
11. Who is the Hudson River named after ? _____
12. During the American Revolution New York became the country's first _____
13. What happened to the city during the 1970s ? _____
14. What happened in 1993 ? _____
15. Which important buildings did terrorist attack in 2001 ? _____
16. How did the Statue of Liberty find its way to America ? _____
17. Where in New York can you find the most electronic billboards? _____
18. When was the Empire State building completed ? _____
19. What did Central Park look like in the 19th century ? _____
20. The Brooklyn Bridge connects Brooklyn and _____

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Multiple Choice Task**Choose the correct answer for each question**

1. The first Europeans to set up a trading post on Manhattan Island were
 - a. Scandinavians.
 - b. the Dutch.
 - c. the Germans.
 - d. the British.
2. The Hudson River was named after
 - a. the Dutch founder of New Amsterdam.
 - b. an English navigator.
 - c. a British trading post.
 - d. the first mayor of New York.
3. Ellis Island was once
 - a. the entry point for all European immigrants.
 - b. a famous prison.
 - c. York's most important harbour.
 - d. the island on which the Statue of Liberty was originally set up.
4. The Empire State Building was New York's tallest skyscraper
 - a. until the World Trade Centre was built.
 - b. in the 19th century.
 - c. until a new skyscraper was built on Staten Island.
 - d. until the 9/11 attacks.
5. Times Square is in the middle of New York's
 - a. newspaper industry.
 - b. subway system.
 - c. financial district.
 - d. cinema and theatre district.
6. Before the 9/11 attacks
 - a. the Empire State Building was attacked.
 - b. a car bomb had exploded in the basement of the World Trade Centre.
 - c. there were plans to create Freedom Tower.
 - d. the World Trade Centre was renamed.
7. The Bronx is the only borough in New York
 - a. that lies in New Jersey.
 - b. that is not a part of New York State.
 - c. that is situated on the mainland.
 - d. that is an island.
8. The Statue of Liberty
 - a. was built by Dutch settlers.
 - b. was a gift from France.
 - c. was a present from the English king.
 - d. was built by the founding fathers.

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TRUE or FALSE. Decide if the statement is True or False and put a tick (✓) into the correct box. If the statement is false, write down a correct sentence in the box on the right. There are two examples at the beginning.

		T	F	Correct Statement
1	Broadway is the theatre district of New York.	✓		
2	The English were the first to set up a trading post in today's Manhattan.		✓	The Dutch were the first to settle in Manhattan.
3	New York's subway system is the largest in the world.			
4	The first immigrants came from England, Germany and Scandinavia.			
5	The Metropolitan Museum has a large collection of European and American paintings.			
6	Before the Empire State Building was constructed, the World Trade Centre was the tallest skyscraper in New York.			
7	Central Park was once a wet area with many trees.			
8	People who came to New York by boat had to show their documents on Liberty Island			
9	The World Trade Centre was the target of terrorist attacks twice.			
10	Britain gave America the Statue of Liberty as a symbol of friendship.			
11	At the end of World War II, New York almost went bankrupt.			
12	Brooklyn is the only borough on the mainland			
13	New York was America's first capital , but only for a short time.			
14	Staten island can only be reached by ferry.			

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Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	storey		another word for taxi
B	borough		line that separates two areas
C	ferry		circle made out of jewels that kings and queens wear on their heads
D	gift		small area that is in a larger area where people of a different nationality live
E	crown		level or floor of a building
F	entry point		part of a city that is far away from the centre
G	sculpture		situation of not having enough money to pay your bills
H	achievement		someone who travels to an unknown area to find out more about it
I	suburb		object that an artist makes out of stone, wood or other materials
J	concrete		boat that brings people and goods across a river or sea
K	cab		place where an immigrant arrives in a new country
L	border		a structure in a garden or a park from which water is pushed up into the air
M	fountain		present
N	bankrupt		building material that is made by mixing water, sand and cement together
O	enclave		area of wet ground
P	explorer		something important that you have done
Q	swamp		district of New York

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Put the events into their correct order.

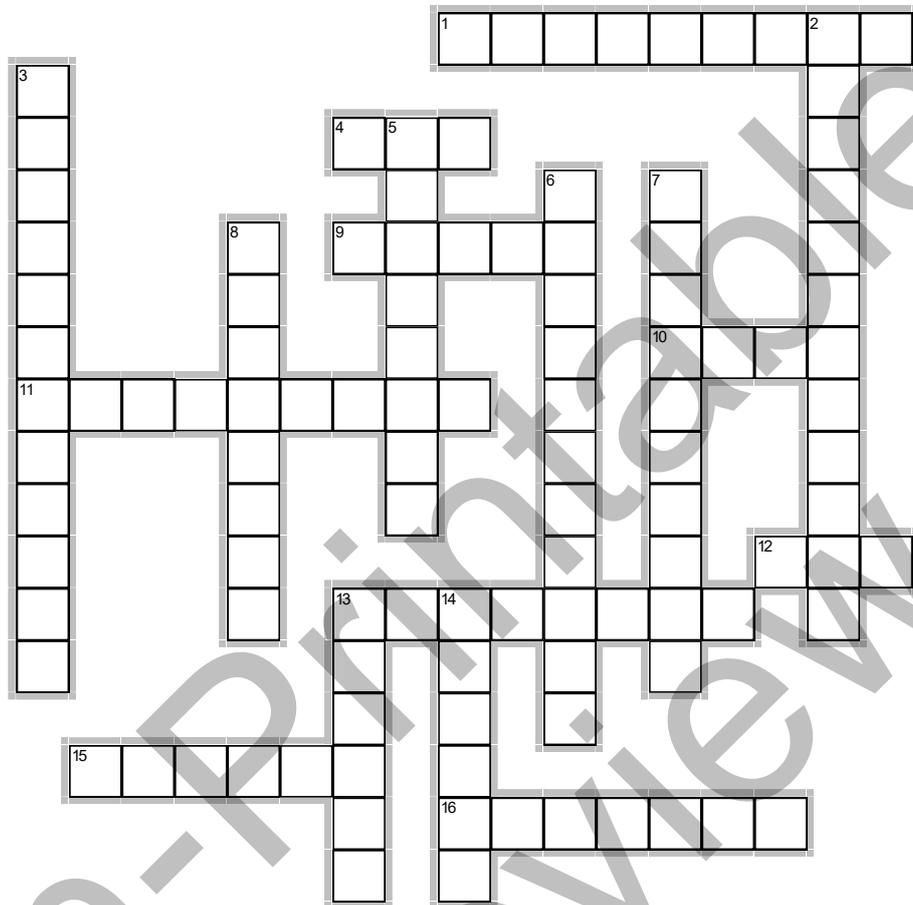
	The Dutch set up a trading post called New Amsterdam.
	The city went through a big economic crisis.
	Terrorists flew two planes into the World Trade Centre.
	New York became the capital of the United States.
	The British took over the settlement.
	Freedom Tower was built at the site of the 9/11 memorial.
	The Empire State Building was built.
	The first attack on the World Trade Centre killed 6 people.
1	Henry Hudson sailed up a river named after him.
	The first wave of immigrants came to New York.

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Explain in English.

- mainland _____
- stock exchange _____
- Hispanic _____
- melting pot _____
- megacity _____
- bankrupt _____
- hijack _____
- pedestal _____
- torch _____

Crossword



Across

1. someone who goes to another country to live and work there
4. international airport (short word)
9. art that is painted on a wall or ceiling
10. another word for "present"
11. central part of New York
12. another word for "taxi"
13. person who comes from a country where Spanish or Portuguese are spoken
15. New York's largest borough
16. situation of being poor

Down

2. first name of New York (2 words)
3. building where the Twin Towers once stood (2 words)
5. structure in a park from which water is pushed up
6. place where the first immigrants to New York landed (2 words)
7. famous museum in New York
8. New York's theatre and cinema district
13. river that flows through New York
14. New York is often called "the city that never ____"

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Fill in the missing words from box. There are TWO words you will not need.

New York is a city that (1) _____ many sights a tourist can see. The Statue of Liberty is probably the most famous of them. It is situated on a (2) _____ on Liberty Island, which you can only reach by (3) _____. Visitors can go up to the (4) _____ deck in the crown but cannot move up to the torch itself. The Statue of Liberty was a (5) _____ that France gave to the United States over a hundred years ago.

Times Square is a place that is full of life. Millions of people see it on television every New Year's Eve when a big (6) _____ is held. It got its name because the New York Times was first (7) _____ there. Today you can see many (8) _____ billboards and signs and movie theatres surround the (9) _____.

The Empire State Building is New York's most famous (10) _____. It was built in the 1930s and was New York's biggest building for a long time. It has been a star in many films, like King Kong or Superman.

Central Park lies in the middle of Manhattan. It is about four kilometres long and serves as the green (11) _____ of New York. The park has many lakes, playgrounds and (12) _____. When it was created over 150 years ago it was in the middle of a (13) _____ area.

Brooklyn Bridge (14) _____ Manhattan with Brooklyn, New York's most (15) _____ borough. It spans East River and is one of the best-known bridges in the city.

celebration

connects

electronic

ferry

fountains

immigrants

lung

observation

offers

pedestal

populous

present

published

skyscraper

square

theatre

wet

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Email - My visit to New York

You are nearing the end of your two-week stay in New York. Write an **email** home to your best friend in which you

- describe what you have seen over the past two weeks
- write about how New York is different from other places you have seen
- state why you would or wouldn't want to live in such a big city



Write an email of about **200 - 300 words**.