

## NEW YORK – WORD LIST

- **achievement** = something important that you have done and are very proud of
- **alive** = here: there's always something happening
- **American Revolution** = war in which the British colonies in America became independent
- **appear** = show; to be seen
- **area** = size
- **attend** = go to
- **bankrupt** = when you don't have enough money to pay for the things you have bought
- **basement** = underground floor of a building
- **bill** = written list that shows how much you must pay for something
- **billboard** = a large sign used for advertising
- **boost** = improve, make better
- **busiest** = here: with the most people and trains
- **capital** = the main city of a country, where the government is
- **ceiling** = the top wall of a room
- **centre** = here : focus on
- **century** = a hundred years
- **collapse** = fall apart
- **commemorate** = to show and respect an important event that happened in the past
- **community** = here: population, group of people
- **complete** = finish
- **concrete** = material that is made by mixing sand, cement and water - it is used for building houses
- **connect** = link to
- **consist of** = to be made up of
- **construction** = building
- **crossroads** = here: an important or central place
- **crown** = a circle made of gold and jewels that kings and queens have on their heads
- **cruise** = drive
- **developer** = person who buys land and plans to build something new on it
- **district** = area of a city
- **economic** = everything related to business and money
- **economy** = the buying and selling of products in a country
- **engineering** = the building of roads, bridges, machines and other objects
- **entry point** = place where an immigrant enters a new country
- **explorer** = someone who travels to an unknown area to find out more about it
- **extend** = to reach from one end to the other
- **facilities** = objects of use
- **ferry** = boat that brings people or goods across a river or sea
- **foreign** = from another country
- **fountain** = a structure in a garden or a park from which water is pushed up into the air
- **gift** = present
- **government** = the people who rule the city
- **growth** = when something increases or becomes larger
- **harbour** = area of water next to land where the water is calm, and ships are safe; they can load and unload goods there
- **height** = how high something is
- **hijack** = to take control of a ship or plane by using guns, knives etc..
- **Hispanic** = person who comes from a country where Spanish or Portuguese is spoken, especially from Central or South America.
- **huge** = very large
- **ice rink** = an area where they make ice, so that you can go skating
- **immigrant** = someone who goes to another country to live and work there
- **include** = to have in it
- **little** = not very much
- **mainland** = not on an island
- **major** = main, most important

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- **megacity** = very big city with millions of people
- **melting pot** = place where people from different races, countries or social classes come to live together
- **most populous** = with the most people
- **mural** = a picture that is painted on a wall or ceiling
- **navigator** = here: explorer on a ship
- **observation deck** = place high up in a building where you can look out of the window and get a good view of an area or city
- **origin** = the country or place which someone comes from
- **originally** = at first
- **overpopulation** = too many people live in an area
- **pedestal** = base, platform
- **performance** = when someone acts out a play or plays a piece of music
- **pollution** = making air and water dirty so that you cannot use it anymore
- **popular** = liked by many people
- **population** = all the people who live in an area
- **poverty** = situation in which people are very poor
- **public transport** = buses, trains, subways etc.. that everyone can use
- **rapid** = fast, quick
- **recent** = in the last few
- **recover** = get better, improve
- **referred to as** = called
- **remove** = here: cut down
- **resident** = a person who lives in the city
- **residential district** = area of a town in which people live; without office buildings or factories
- **row** = line
- **sculpture** = an object made of stone, wood or other materials by an artist
- **seaport** = a large town on or near a coast with a harbour that ships can use
- **seat** = base, center
- **situated** = located
- **skyscraper** = very tall, modern building
- **span** = to go across
- **square kilometre** = a square with one km in all directions
- **stock exchange** = place where parts of a company are bought and sold
- **storeys** = floors
- **suburb** = a part of the city that is far away from the center
- **surrounding** = around
- **swampy** = wet, muddy ground
- **tend to** = here: normally do something
- **tip** = end
- **took over** = started to control
- **torch** = an object that burns on one end
- **trading post** = a place that was set up a long time ago at which people could buy and sell goods
- **tremendous** = very big, great
- **waves** = groups of people
- **wide range** = many different kinds