

Englishman in New York – Sting

Vocabulary

1) Match the pictures to the correct word



1. toast

2. cane

3. tea

4. coffee

5. alien

6. candle

7. Englishman



Lyrics – Read the song lyrics. Then listen to the song and complete each verse with the correct words.

1) Complete the sentences with one of the words from the Vocabulary and the articles – A / AN:

I don't drink 1 _____ I take tea my dear
I like my 2 _____ done on one side
And you can hear it in my accent when I talk
I'm _____ Englishman in New York

See me walking down Fifth Avenue
_____ walking 3 _____ here at my side
I take it everywhere I walk
I'm an Englishman in New York

Chorus

Whoa, I'm _____ alien.

I'm _____ legal alien.

I'm _____ Englishman in New York (2X)

2) Put the sentences in the correct order:

- () Then he's the hero of the day
- () If "manners maketh man" as someone said
- () Be yourself no matter what they say
- () It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile

Chorus

3) Put the correct verbs: RUN – CONFRONT
– TAKES (2X) – AVOID – END UP – LEAD
– ARE – WALK

Modesty, propriety can _____ to notoriety
You could _____ as the only one
Gentleness, sobriety _____ rare in this society
At night a candle's brighter than the sun

_____ more than combat gear to
make a man
_____ more than license for a gun
_____ your enemies,
_____ them when you can
A gentleman will _____,
but never _____

If "manners maketh man" as someone said
Then he's the hero of the day
It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile
Be yourself, no matter what they say
Be yourself, no matter what they say
Be yourself, no matter what they say

Be yourself, no matter what they say (x9)
Whoa, I'm an alien
I'm a legal alien
I'm an Englishman in New York (x4)

Knowing the band / song

- ✓ The English artist Gordon Matthew Summer, better known as STING, was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, on October 2, 1951. He is best known for his singing career, both with the 1980s band The Police and as a solo artist later.
- ✓ "Englishman in New York" is a song by Sting, from his second album ...*Nothing like the sun***Englishman in New York** is a song by Sting, from his second studio album ...*Nothing Like the Sun*, released in October 1987. Branford Marsalis played soprano saxophone on the track, while the drums were played by Manu Katché and the percussion by Mino Cinelu.

- ✓ The single was released in February 1988 as the third single from the album, but only reached #51 on the UK Singles Chart.^[1] In the US, "Englishman in New York" peaked at #84 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in April 1988^[2] and reached #32 on the Billboard Mainstream Rock chart that same month.
- ✓ The "Englishman" in the song is the famous English gay icon, writer and actor Quentin Crisp, who was the inspiration of the song. In 1986, Crisp relocated from London, England to Manhattan, New York, and Sting wrote the song shortly after Crisp's relocation.

Read more at: <https://www.songmeaningsandfacts.com/meaning-englishman-new-york-sting/>

1) Match the words to the correct meaning:

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| ☐ the state of being not drunk or affected by alcohol, seriousness. | ☐ the usual way in which you behave towards other people, or the way you behave on a particular occasion. |
| ☐ a person who hates or opposes another person. | ☐ uniform worn by soldiers when fighting |
| ☐ the quality of being calm, kind, or soft. | a) Modesty |
| ☐ the quality of not talking about or not trying to make people notice your abilities and achievements. | b) Propriety |
| ☐ correct moral behaviour or actions. | c) Notoriety |
| ☐ the state of being famous for something bad. | d) Gentleness |
| ☐ coming from a different country, race, or group (or planet). | e) Sobriety |
| | f) Enemies |
| | g) Combat gear |
| | h) Manners |
| | i) Alien |

2) What does the song talk about? Choose the correct answer.

- a) ☐ A man who moved from England to the USA, specifically to New York. The song talks about the man having to adjust and the changes he goes through while adapting to a new society and customs. He feels strange in a strange place, as if he does not belong to that place. He also says that he must "be yourself, no matter what they say" which means that his essence can't be changed no matter the place he goes.
- b) ☐ A man who moved to America and loved this place. He adapts very fast to this new culture and society, but makes sure that he is not going to change his ways to adapt to this new place.

3) According to the song: How does a typical Englishman have his breakfast?

4) What does this proverb: **If "manners maketh man" as someone said** means: (more than one option is accepted)

- a) ☐ Your manners make you a human – politeness and etiquette are what prevent us from falling into savagery.
- b) ☐ Your mannerisms and characteristics make you who you are, that is to say people are judged by their manners and conduct.
- c) ☐ You should keep yourself who you are, no matter what people say. You won't be judged by your appearance or customs if you do things "your way".