

THE BIG APPLE



It's 1. _____ most famous city in the world. There are songs about it. It's in hundreds of films and TV programmes. Think of 2. _____ America and you think of „The Big Apple“ – New York

3. _____ centre of New York is 4. _____ island of 5. _____ Manhattan. Today the island is full of skyscrapers, but 400 years ago it was the home of the Delaware Indians. 6. _____ first Europeans to arrive were from the Netherlands. In 1626, 7. _____ Dutchman, Peter Minuit, bought the island from the Indians for just 24 dollars and built some houses there. He called it 8. _____ New Amsterdam. However, in 1664, the British took it and they called it New York, because the King's brother was the Duke of York.

Over the next 300 years, New York grew into 9. _____ largest city in 10. _____ USA. People from countries like Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland and China came to find a new life there. There are countless things to do and places to go in New York – museums, art galleries, theatres and nightclubs, plus thousands of restaurants and shops, including 11. _____ biggest shop in 12. _____ world, Macy's.

13. _____ Statue of Liberty was 14. _____ gift from the people of France and it stands on Liberty Island. You can get 15. _____ ferry to 16. _____ island and visit 17. _____ statue.

18. _____ Empire State Building is 19. _____ most famous skyscraper in New York. It was built in 1931, and it was the tallest building in the world for forty years. It has 102 floors, and on a clear day you can see for 120 km from 20. _____ top.

21. _____ Times Square is the entertainment centre of New York. It is full of theatres, bars and restaurants. On New Year's Eve, New Yorkers come to 22. _____ Times Square to celebrate the New Year.

In 23. _____ middle of Manhattan is 24. _____ Central Park. Here you can walk, take a boat on the lake, play baseball or just relax away.