

Grammar

3 Circle the correct form of the verbs.

- 1 Peter said, "Last year I ate a fantastic hot dog in New York City."
Peter said that last year he *has eaten* / *had eaten* a fantastic hot dog in New York City.
- 2 Anna said, "I went to see a baseball game at the Yankee Stadium."
Anna said that she *had gone* / *has gone* to see a baseball game at the Yankee Stadium.
- 3 Wendy said, "New York is a great city."
Wendy said that New York *was* / *were* a great city.
- 4 Brian said, "I can understand why people like going to Central Park."
Brian said that he *could* / *can* understand why people like going to Central Park.
- 5 Sue said, "The people on Flight 1549 were lucky to have had such a great pilot."
Sue said that the people on Flight 1549 *has been* / *had been* lucky to have had such a great pilot.

Dialogue

4 Complete the dialogue with the missing lines a)–f).

- a) Then he evacuated the passengers onto the wings of the plane.
- b) Sully sounds like an incredibly brave pilot.
- c) What's it about?
- d) It's not the kind of film I think anyone should see before they board a flight!
- e) Why was it in trouble?
- f) Yes, they were there within minutes.



- Ellie** Have you ever seen the film *Sully*? It's really exciting.
- Kathy** I'm not sure. ¹
- Ellie** It's based on a true story about a pilot called Captain Sullenberger – known as "Sully" – who had to make an emergency landing on the Hudson River when his aircraft was in trouble.
- Kathy** ²
- Ellie** The plane had collided with some birds and the engines had burned out. He told the passengers he was going to land the plane on water. ³
- Kathy** Imagine standing on the wings of a plane, in the middle of the river! I hope rescue boats arrived soon after that?
- Ellie** ⁴ Some of the passengers had become desperate to save themselves and had already jumped into the river to swim to safety.
- Kathy** What an awful experience! ⁵
- Ellie** Yes, he was. Imagine having all the responsibility to make a decision like that about the lives of some 150 passengers – as well as members of the crew! Anyway, you should definitely watch this film.
- Kathy** ⁶

Reading

- 1 Read the text. Then tick T (True) or F (False).

Keeping the city safe

Meet the people who keep us safe on the streets of New York.



Julia

I work for the Fire Department of New York. It's the biggest fire department in the United States – and the busiest! I work 24 hour shifts, so when I'm at work, I spend the whole day and night with the other firefighters in my team. As well as working, we cook, eat and exercise together. Sometimes the job is very dangerous. When you're rescuing people from a fire in a factory, for example, the building could blow up. It sounds strange, but I'm never scared in these situations. It's just my job.



Casey

When I was just five years old, I told my mum that I wanted to be a police officer. I never changed my mind! I joined the New York Police Department as soon as I finished college. It can be a dangerous job at times. I have to deal with accidents, fights and burglaries – but I help people in other ways, too. I go on patrol* every morning. This keeps the streets safer and people can come to me for help. I really enjoy meeting people and helping them when they have a problem. Being a police officer is hard work, but for me it's definitely worth it.



Grace

During the week, I'm a doctor, but on weekends I work as a paramedic* for the Central Park Medical Unit (CPMU). The CPMU is an ambulance service that provides free emergency help to people in the Central Park area. Everyone who works for the CPMU is a volunteer. I started working as a volunteer when I was at medical school. It's such an important job and it's good to know that I'm helping people in the area where I live and work.

VOCABULARY: *go on patrol – auf Streife gehen; paramedic – Sanitäter/in

- 1 The Fire Department of New York is the busiest fire department in the United States.
- 2 Julia goes home after work every evening.
- 3 Julia is sometimes very scared at work.
- 4 Casey decided to be a firefighter when he was a child.
- 5 Casey sometimes has to work in dangerous situations.
- 6 Casey doesn't think his job is hard.
- 7 Grace is a paramedic during the week.
- 8 Grace earns a lot of money as a paramedic.

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Vocabulary

4 Complete the text with the correct words from the box.

emergency landing destinations immigrants miracle nearby politics

What to see and do in New York!



Visit Union Square. This place is strongly connected with
1 : it's the site of many famous
historical and present day protests and marches, dating
back to the Civil War.



If you want to see an amazing building as well as some
fantastic modern art, then you shouldn't miss one of New
York's most popular tourist 2 –
the Guggenheim Museum. Have an ice cream in Central
Park which is 3 – just across
the street!



Take a boat trip on the Hudson, and see the site where a
plane had to make an 4
after it collided with a flock of birds. It was a
5 that none of the passengers
were seriously hurt.



Explore Ellis Island and learn about the lives of many
different 6 who settled in
New York.

Dialogue

5 Read the dialogue. Then circle T (True) or F (False).

- Mo** Guess what? My parents are taking us to New York next summer!
- Zak** That's amazing! Is it your first visit?
- Mo** Yes – although I've always wanted to go there.
- Zak** You're going to love it. There's so much to do in New York.
- Mo** Everything I know about New York comes from films I've watched! I don't know much about its history though.
- Zak** It has an interesting history. Most people think the Dutch 'discovered' it in the 1600s, but native American people have been living in that part of the world since 10,000 B.C.! It's been home to lots of immigrants, from all over the world, at different stages of its history. You can find out more about all this by visiting or taking a tour at one of the many museums in the city. Don't miss Ellis Island, where you can learn about immigration to the USA through history.
- Mo** I'm looking forward to going to a baseball match, too.
- Zak** Yes, try and get to see one of New York's home teams – the Yankees or the Mets. It'll be an amazing experience. And don't miss a visit to Central Park. It's a wonderful, cool, green spot to relax in, especially in the heat. And New York does have extreme temperatures – from deep snow in winter, to really hot summers! You can even go to the beach at Coney Island! That's where you can try "Nathan's famous hot dogs".

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| 1 Mo has never been to New York before. | T / F |
| 2 Mo has learnt a lot about New York's history from films he's seen. | T / F |
| 3 The first immigrants came to New York from the Netherlands in 10,000 B.C. | T / F |
| 4 New Yorkers have one home team, the Yankees. | T / F |
| 5 Temperatures in New York vary a lot from season to season. | T / F |
| 6 At Coney Island you can learn about immigration history. | T / F |

Essential English – Dialogue

6 Put the dialogue into the correct order.

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| ☐ Lena How much were they? | ☐ Jenna I know! They were in a sale. |
| ☐ Lena Really? Did you buy anything? | ☐ Jenna I've been shopping online! |
| ☐ Lena Can you show me the website? | ☐ Jenna They came to £45. |
| ☐ Lena That's not a bad price! | ☐ Jenna Sure. Just a minute ... Ah, here it is. Have a look. |
| ☐ Lena They look great! | ☐ Jenna Yes, I bought a pair of trainers. |
| ☒ Lena What have you been doing? | |