

## 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.