

Strange Town USA. EP1.(pg.62)

1. Read the information about Strange Town and listen to the programme.
Choose the correct answers.
Then listen again and check.

1. New Amsterdam changed to New York because ...

- a) people travelled there from York.
- b) the British invaded it and named it after the Duke of York.
- c) people didn't like the original name.

2. Why is Why called Why?

- a) because people there ask a lot of questions.
- b) because it is on the River Why.
- c) because the road is in the shape of a Y.

3. People named their town Happy because ...

- a) they discovered gold there.
- b) they discovered water there.
- c) happy people established it.

4. Is Hell a nice place?

- a) Yes, but in the past the river there was dangerous to cross.
- b) No, a lot of criminals lived there in the past.
- c) It's a nice town, but it is very hot there.

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Chicken, Why, Experiment, Yellow, Santa Claus, Jupiter, Gas, Frankenstein, Sandwich, Pray, Tarzan, Moon, Disco, Paradise, War.

A strange collection of words, but they've all got one thing in common. They are the names of places in the USA. Find out more about strange place names in Friday's programme.



2. Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Do the sentences refer to the past or the present?

invaded named invented crossed changed discovered established travelled

- 1. Graham Bell the telephone.
- 2. Thomas Mapother IV his name to TomCruise.
- 3. The Romans France in 58 BC.
- 4. Americans first gold in the USA in 1799.
- 5. Marco Polo to China in the 13th century.
- 6. Columbus the Atlantic Ocean in 1492.
- 7. They their baby after a pop star.
- 8. Spanish people first the city of Los Angeles.