

Read the text and choose the correct item for each blank.

Gateway to America

Ellis Island, or the 'Island of Tears,' is located in New York Harbour just off the New Jersey 1) and north of Liberty Island. It used to be an immigrant inspection station and between 1892 and 1954, over twelve million immigrants entered the United States through here. 40% of all Americans can trace at least one ancestor to Ellis Island.

Immigrants from all over the world 2) in New York Harbour would stop at Ellis Island to pass through immigration before entering the US.

First and second class passengers underwent a brief 3) aboard ship. The government felt wealthy passengers would not become a burden to the state. Third class or 'steerage' passengers, though, were 4) from the pier by ferry to Ellis Island where everyone would undergo a medical and legal inspection. They entered the main building through the baggage room and 5) their luggage there. Then they proceeded to the Great Hall.

The first test was the 'six second medical exam'. Doctors looked at the immigrants for 6) medical problems or disabilities. They put chalk marks on the clothes of people they thought had something 7) with them and sent them for a 8) examination. Medical examinations weren't required for everyone until 1917. If someone had a problem that was curable, they were sent to the island's hospital. If not, the steamship company they came with would have to pay to send them back.

The next 9) was an interview with a legal inspector. Immigrants had to have proof of where they came from



and where they expected to live and work. After 1921, people had to pass a literacy test and show a passport and visa.

When there were no problems, the 10) process could take a mere 3-5 hours. However, some people would stay longer on the island if they had legal problems or if they had to wait for a family member to be 11) in the hospital. The next area was the money exchange area where people could acquire dollars and buy train tickets.

At the exit from Ellis Island, so many family reunions took place that the staff gave it the nickname 'the kissing post'. After that, the new Americans were 12) to start their new lives.

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| 1. 1. shore | 2. coast | 3. border | 4. beach |
| 2. 1. arriving | 2. appearing | 3. emerging | 4. showing |
| 3. 1. survey | 2. investigation | 3. research | 4. inspection |
| 4. 1. carried | 2. brought | 3. moved | 4. transported |
| 5. 1. put | 2. handed | 3. laid | 4. left |
| 6. 1. clear | 2. obvious | 3. apparent | 4. distinct |
| 7. 1. wrong | 2. incorrect | 3. false | 4. undesirable |
| 8. 1. full | 2. rich | 3. filled | 4. total |
| 9. 1. part | 2. point | 3. level | 4. step |
| 10. 1. full | 2. absolute | 3. total | 4. whole |
| 11. 1. nursed | 2. treated | 3. cured | 4. cared |
| 12. 1. open | 2. loose | 3. free | 4. available |