

**BEFORE** listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the text and do the exercises.

Preparation

Listen and repeat after the speaker.

	New York		skyscrapers
	Washington, D.C.		the Old World
	Hollywood		the Mississippi
	the Potomac River		Texas
	the New World		the Wild West
	Chicago		California

Match the words and their definitions.

the Old World		the longest river in the USA
California		North, Central and South America
skyscrapers		a US state on the Pacific Ocean known for Hollywood, Disneyland and Silicon Valley
the New World		very tall buildings in a city
the Mississippi		the river on which Washington, D.C. is situated.
the Potomac River		the part of the world consisting of Europe, Asia and Africa that Europeans knew about before Christopher Columbus travelled to the Americas.

Do this exercise **WHILE** you listen.

🔊 Listen to the dialogue and complete the sentences.

1. John went to the USA with ...
a) Yura b) his family c) his friends
2. People call New York ...
a) the Big Apple b) the Little Apple c) the Apple
3. Yura would like to see New York's
a) streets b) bridges c) skyscrapers
4. John's going to Washington, D.C.
a) at the weekend b) on Friday c) on Monday
5. John is going to send Yura a ...
a) letter b) telegram c) postcard



Do this exercise AFTER you listen.

 Fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

Its streets * million * the biggest city * on business * did the city * dream
many of its buildings * different languages * the capital of culture

John was with his parents in New York. New York is _____ in the United States. It is _____, finance, media and international diplomacy. With nearly 9 _____ people that live in the city, New York is also the most linguistically interesting city in the world where 800 _____ are spoken.

Being a city that never sleeps, New York is a _____ place for many.

John's father was _____ there and John and his mother were having a real holiday. They stayed at a big hotel. On their first day they _____. New York is great. People call it "The Big Apple". _____ are long and straight and _____ are very tall. They are called "skyscrapers".