

Reading about New York City



Getting to know New York City

New York City, also known as the Big Apple, is both a huge city and the name of the state where it is located. It is the most important city of the United States and the biggest port too, however it is not the capital city.

There are five main boroughs, Manhattan, The Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island; and several islands in New York connected to the continent by many bridges, like the Brooklyn bridge and the Manhattan bridge or Williamsburg bridge. The most famous islands are probably Manhattan and Liberty Island where you can find the not less famous Statue of Liberty, offered by the French to the North American people as a symbol of freedom.

New York is very big, bigger than we can imagine. There are three airports: JFK, La Guardia and Newark, 200 bus routes, 12.000 taxis and ten subway lines. New York streets are also large and long, some of them are kms long and they are named with numbers, Broadway is the largest avenue in Manhattan. The most important avenue is 5th Avenue, famous for its luxury shops.

The center of New York is Manhattan and it is the economic and cultural area. The biggest and most famous park in New York is Central Park, in the center of Manhattan, where you can find a zoo, skating rinks, sports courts, two lakes and a pool.

New York is also well known for its museums, one of them is the Metropolitan Museum of Art being one of the largest in the world. The skyscrapers as big as your eyes can see, the most famous one is The Empire State Building with 102 floors. Broadway and its shows, cinemas, theaters and restaurants and the financial world. This is a fantastic city. It's the place where you can do and see everything. It's the city that never sleeps.

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Vocabulary:

boroughs: Municipios/Comunas - huge: grande - bridge: puente

I-Read the text carefully and complete the sentences.

- 1-In NYC, there areairports... These are , and
- 2-In NYC, we visit the to see art expositions and monuments.
- 3-NYC is connected by to several islands.
- 4-We take beautiful pictures at the, the most famous symbol of freedom in the U.S.
- 5-We walk around the, there is a zoo, sport courts and lakes.
- 6-I walk through....., the largest avenue in NYC.

II-Complete according to the text

What is the other name given to New York City? 	How many boroughs are there in New York? 	Where is the Statue of Liberty? 	Which is the most famous avenue in New York?. 
What can people find in Central Park? 	Name one famous building. 		

III-Fill in with information from the text

Landmark	Buildings
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
Boroughs	Transportations
1. Manhattan	1.
2.	2.
3.	
Airports	Streets
1.	1.
2.	
3.	2.

IV-Read the clues, complete and locate them in the NYC map.

Clues 	Answers
1. The famous avenue with luxury shops.	
2. The biggest park in NYC.	
3. The famous islands with a statue.	
4. A famous art museum.	
5. A 102 floors building.	
6. Two of the five boroughs of NYC.	
7. The airport is named after a former U.S. president.	
8. The largest avenue in Manhattan	

