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New York

1 Brainstorming - New York, New York!

What do you think when you see the words 'New York'? In two minutes write down all the words and phrases you can think of. Now check out the following websites and see if your words and phrases are mentioned or there are images in the multimedia section.

[http://uk.encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761576416/New_York_\(city\).html](http://uk.encarta.msn.com/encyclopedia_761576416/New_York_(city).html)
<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/destinations/north-america/usa/new-york-city>

2 Introductory quiz

Your teacher will put you into pairs or small groups. Go to the History section of the websites below to find the answers to these eight questions about New York City:

1. Who was the first European to visit the area of New York?
2. Which two Native American groups inhabited the area?
3. What is the name of the river in New York? Who was it named after?
4. What was the original name of New York?
5. Who designed the Brooklyn Bridge?
6. When was the Brooklyn Bridge opened?
7. In what decade did immigrants from Puerto Rico start to arrive?
8. Who was Rudolph Giuliani?

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3 Web information hunt

a)

Your teacher will give you a letter. Look at your 'site' and write down five interesting pieces of information. After ten minutes work in a new group and exchange the information you have found out.

If you are Q look at [Queens](#)

If you are B look at [Brooklyn](#)

If you are S look at [Staten Island](#)

If you are X look at [the Bronx](#)

If you are M look at [Manhattan](#)

b)

Now, using the same website, see if you can answer the following questions about boroughs in New York. You will need to read the information about each borough in order to find the answers:

1. Which borough has the largest population?
2. In which borough is Wall Street?
3. In which borough is the Yankee stadium?
4. In which borough are the two main airports?
5. Which is the only borough (of the five) on the mainland?
6. How would people travel from Staten Island to Manhattan?

4 Group planning - a day in NYC!

Work in small groups (between two and four). Use the website below to help you plan a day in New York. Your day will begin at 9.00am and end at 11.00pm. You will have a budget of \$400 (around £200). Consider the following questions:

1. Who will you go to New York with?
2. Which places will you visit?
3. How long you will need to spend in each place?
4. How much will the day cost? (Include transport, cost of tickets and entry fees, food and anything else you will buy.)

<http://www.theinsider.com/nyc/index.html>

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5 Listening - Tom's Diner

Suzanne Vega is a New York songwriter. Her most famous song to date is called *Tom's Diner*. Suzanne Vega's songs often reflect life in her hometown of New York. One song, *Tom's Diner*, was actually written in Tom's restaurant at 2880 Broadway, New York.

Use the following website to listen to different versions of the song *Tom's Diner*. You can also access the song lyrics from this website. Click on 'music' then 'MP3s A-Z' then *Tom's Diner*.

<http://www.suzannevega.com>

6 Grammar - present continuous and present simple

The song *Tom's Diner* is full of actions and uses the **present continuous** to describe what is happening. Do you know when to use the **present continuous** and when to use the **present simple**?

Choose the correct sentence from each pair:

1.
 - a) I am sit in the diner.
 - b) I am sitting in the diner.
2.
 - a) She is pulling up her stockings.
 - b) She pulling up her stockings.
3.
 - a) I like listening to music.
 - b) I am liking listening to music.
4.
 - a) It is always nice to seeing you.
 - b) It is always nice to see you.
5.
 - a) It is time to catch the train.
 - b) It is time to catching the train.

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7 Extra websites

Tours

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/newyork/hidden/index.html>

Click on 'enter' and find out about the real New York.

News

<http://www.nytimes.com>

Up-to-date news from the New York Times. If you want to read the news in-depth then you'll need to create an account (but it's free).

Essential NY

<http://www.essentialbigapple.com>

Bright and brash, this website reflects many peoples' image of New York. Lots of information, including an excellent section under 'Tourist attractions menu'.

History

<http://www2.thingstodo.com/states/NY/history.htm>

Nice simple history page which also includes a timeline.

Music

<http://www.vigilcd.org/index.htm>

A selection of songs written and played by New York songwriters (led by Suzanne Vega) focusing on the events of 09/11/2001.