

The Big Apple – New York

A bit of vocabulary:

New York is a multicultural city. There are all kinds of people, sights, religions, languages, music, jobs and industry, but there have also been real disasters.

Do you know some sights in New York? _____

What are the main religions in the world? _____

Give some examples for natural catastrophes! _____

What is entertainment? _____

How is the famous “street of musicals” called? _____

What industry can you find in New York? _____

A bit of history:

Let me give you a brief (= _____) introduction on our tour through New York.

Every country or city has different faces. When the British people began to colonise the American continent, it was not meant nicely. They needed gold and other precious materials for Queen Victoria. They didn't want to look after (= _____) the people. But a long time later, the colonies were almost (_____) completely exploited and angry people attacked the British. The people fought for independence from Great Britain. If you consider (= _____) to go to the United States, don't miss New York! It's fantastic. You can jump into the daily life of people, watch them working, jogging, singing or eating in a number of famous places. Even marriages of homo-sexual people will be allowed soon. New York is very liberal! You can download information anytime from the Internet if you are interested in some special tours. No doubt about it: New York is one of the most fascinating cities in the world.

Fun with prepositions:

Let's meet ____ Saturday night ____ 9.45 p.m.! Why?

I think it's good in order ____ make some arrangements for our trip to N.Y.

I think we have to raise money ____ the poor students. Is this a sort ____ charity event?

We will be ____ danger! You know, the teachers don't like that kind of meetings.

According ____ our school rules, we have to ask the headmaster first!

He is really nice and I think ____ now on, we should better keep to the rules! Okay....?

Reported speech:

Charly is talking to his friend Jim. Later on Jim informs his mother what Charly told him:

Charly: "My family lives in New York, ..."

Charly said that _____.

Charly: "... but my grandparents immigrated from Italy in 1979."

Charly: "This spring I'm going to Italy, to visit my grandfather's hometown."

Charly: "If I have enough money, I'll spend a longer time there."

Charly: "Unfortunately, my family doesn't have time to travel with me."

Charly: "My brother's going to work in the library and my parents go to Florida."

Mixed Tenses:

Christmas is over. We _____ (celebrate) it three weeks ago. The week before Christmas my father _____ (buy) a CD of Rihanna but unfortunately my brother Sam _____ (have) the same idea some days later. Waiting for Christmas is always hard. So my best friend Charly _____ (suggest) to watch "Kevin – alone in New York" in the cinema, but he _____ (arrive) really late. The film was almost over! Such a pity! While I _____ (wait) for him, it _____ (begin) to drizzle, and of course I _____ (not have) an umbrella. That was terrible! I _____ (not see) him since then. And you know what? If I _____ (go) to the cinema again, I _____ (not ask) Charly!

Little Italy in New York – La Bomba Italiana

My grandfather is Italian. When I visit him in New York, he always takes me to “La Bomba”, a gorgeous little restaurant, which is also recommended in a tourist guide. “You can be sure”, it says “it’s one of the most comfortable Italian restaurants in Little Italy!” And it’s true! The restaurant is lovely – inside and outside with enough space to eat for everybody! People are always pleased, when it’s getting dark and they have a fantastic view on the Hudson river. I wonder whether they know, how many herbs and spices they use for only one dish. And they have plenty of delicious things on the menu. A specialty is the veggie-pizza with spinach, mushrooms and tomatoes for the vegetarian people. But of course, they also offer fresh fish, seafood, prawns and shrimps. If you are not allergic to meat, you can order various kinds of beef, chicken, pork, lamb and even crocodile meat from the Everglades. Every dish is delicate and finely flavoured but some of the noodle sauces are extremely spicy. Especially young people love them together with huge pizzas, which have everything on them.

If people want a dessert after the meal: “La Bomba” has an extra “Dolceria”, which looks just like all the cafés in Venice or Rome. There you can find so many sorts of desserts, cakes and ice-cream, that people really have problems to decide what they want. But that’s good, so they come again and try something else! Mostly liked kinds of ice-cream are the traditional sorts like strawberry, raspberry, hazel nut, vanilla or chocolate. But they also have crazy ones like peppermint, coffee and so on.

Verb	Noun	Adjective	Definition/Syn.
gorgeous (großartig)			lovely wonderful
recommend = empfehlen	recommendation	recommended	suggest, advise somebody to do something
be sure (überzeugt sein von...)			be convinced
be pleased (erfreut sein)	pleasure		be happy
comfortable			pleasant
wonder			ask oneself think about something
whether (ob)			if (aufpassen! leitet conditional ein!)
	herb (Kraut)	herb (sauer/herb)	Rosmarin, Thymian
spice a meal (würzen)	spice (Gewürz)	spicy (würzig)	marinated (eingelegt)
taste (schmecken)	taste (Geschmack)	tasty	blend, flavour
	dish (Gericht)		meal
		plenty of	many
	deliciousness	delicious	very tasty
	a small amount of		a touch of