NEW YORK IN THE PAST TENSE

EAE Learning objectives for this lesson

Learn and practice the past tense. Learn about New York City attractions. Comprehension activities.

Activity 1 - Questions

1. Have you visited New York City?
2. Describe it
3. What can you see in New York City?
4. What can you do in New York City?
5. Compare New York to Paris

Activity 2 - Match the description to the famous landmark

Empire State building **Central Park** **Statue of Liberty** **Times Square** **Yankee Stadium** **Chinatown** **Brooklyn Bridge**

1. Baseball is played here
2. An Asian district in Manhattan
3. Construction started in 1930 and finished in 1931. A very tall building
4. A popular intersection decorated with advertisements
5. A green space in the middle of Manhattan. Many scenes of movies are filmed here
6. Completed in 1883, it connects Manhattan and Brooklyn. It is famous for its love locks
7. It was a gift from France



Activity 3 - Introduction to the PAST TENSE

- In English we use the SIMPLE PAST TENSE very frequently.
- It is the past tense which we use the most often.
- To form te past tense you use the PAST PARTICIPLE of the verb.
- Some verbs have REGULAR past participles (+ed)
- Some have IRREGULAR past participles and you have to learn them.

(You can practice here http://easyaccesslearning.com/grammar-path/)

Example - I WENT to the cinema. I PLAYED football at the weekend

With a partner change these verbs into the PAST TENSE



See _____ Do _____ Buy _____

Eat _____ Go _____ Play _____

Shop _____ Watch _____ Sit _____

- Use the PAST TENSE to talk about your last trip to a city
- Your partner will write down what you say
- How many past participles can you use?
- Are they regular or irregular?

Activity 4 - Watch and answer the questions in the past tense.

Here is a scene from Die Hard 3 that was filmed in New York Central Park
Watch and answer the questions in the past tense
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0m5QoYnKne0

1. What is the problem?
2. What did the man do?
3. What did they fight/argue about in the car?
4. Where did they go?
5. Why did Samuel L Jackson's character do the catholic sign?
6. What happened at the end?



Activity 5 - Song

Frank Sinatra - New York, New York

Fill in the gaps

Start spreading the news
I am leaving _____
I want to be a part of it
New York, New York
These vagabond _____
They are longing to stray
Right through the very _____ of it
New York, New York
I want to _____ in a city
That doesn't _____
And find I'm king of the hill
Top of the heap
My little town blues
Are melting away
I'm gonna make a brand new _____ of it
In old New York
If I can make it there
I'll make it _____

It's up to you
New York, New York
New York, New York
I want to wake up
In that city that doesn't sleep
And find I'm _____ of the hill, top of the list
King of the heap
These little town_____
They have all melted away
I am about to _____ a brand new start of it
Right there in old New York
And If I can make it _____
You know, I'm gonna make it just about anywhere
Come on come true
New York, New York, New York



Activity 6: Facts about the history of New York.

(Edited from http://www.history.com/topics/new-york-city)

Change the underlined verbs in the sentences to the correct past tense:

- The first native New Yorkers be the Lenape, people who hunt , fish and farm
- Europeans begin to explore the region at the beginning of the 16th century
- In 1664, the British take New Amsterdam from the Dutch and give it a new name: New York City
- Over one hundred years, the population of New York City grow larger
- New York City be the capital of the United States from 1785 - 1790
- During the 1840s and 50s, the increasing population of immigrants change the face of the city

- On 1st January 1898, New York City have an area of 360 square miles

- On 11th September 2001, New York City suffer the deadliest terrorist attack in the history of the United States

Activity 7: Song – fill in the gaps with the past tenses of the verbs below:

To get / To be / To board / To rise / To buy / To say / To walk / To take / To smoke / To say / To look / To read

"America"

Let us be lovers,
We'll marry our fortunes together.
I've _____ some real estate
Here in my bag.

So we _____ a pack of cigarettes,
And Mrs. Wagner's pies,
And _____ off
To look for America.
"Kathy", I _____,
As we _____ a Greyhound in Pittsburgh,
Michigan seems like a dream to me now.

It _____ me four days
To hitch-hike from Saginaw.
"I've come to look for America."

Laughing on the bus,
Playing games with the faces,
She _____ the man in the gabardine suit
_____ a spy.

I _____, "Be careful,
His bow tie is really a camera."
"Toss me a cigarette,
I think there's one in my raincoat."
We smoked the last one
An hour ago.

So I _____ at the scenery,
She _____ her magazine;
And the moon _____ over an open field.
"Kathy, I'm lost", I said,
Though I know she was sleeping.
"I'm empty and aching and
I don't know why."

Counting the cars
On the New Jersey Turnpike
The've all come
To look for America,
All come to look for America,
All come to look for America.



