

Section 2

You will hear a conversation between an interviewer and an interviewee. First, you have some time to look at questions 11 to 20.

Now listen carefully and answer questions 11 to 20.

Interviewer: What was your holiday location? And how did you hear about it?

Interviewee: My holiday location was New York. I heard about visiting New York from some friends who were there and who were impressed of the beauty of the city and who even decided

to stay there and start a new life. My friends and I received an invitation last summer from these friends. So I spent my holiday there. It was the best holiday I've ever been on.

Interviewer: So you just went there with one friend, right?

Interviewee: Yes. I traveled with my best friend and it was very exciting because it was the first time either of us travelled by plane. Our excitement grew higher and higher as we got close to New York. At the airport, I saw a lot of foreigners who had come there to work or to visit this incredible city. And I must say I was amazed by the number of these foreigners. I don't think I have ever seen so many foreign people in one place.

Interviewer: How much time did you spend finding out information about New York. And what resources did you use?

Interviewee: I gathered the information I needed from my friends who lived there, from the internet, from the brochures that I took from the American Embassy and of course from the travel agency where I got an idea of the cost of the trip and the flights. We got cheaper tickets by not taking a direct flight. We changed planes in London.

Interviewer: Can you tell us the thing you like most in this place?

Interviewee: The thing I liked most in New York was definitely the variety of buildings and monuments. I also enjoyed the parks. They were great. New York is a unique city. It's like you are in the middle of the world. It's considered by many to be the economic center of the world. I also liked the people. Some people told me that New Yorkers have a reputation for being unfriendly, but I didn't notice this.

Interviewer: Were there any things that you didn't like?

Interviewee: I think that the downside of my holiday was that there are crowds on the streets everyday, almost all day long. Also, sometimes, the bad weather that kept us in the house.

Interviewer: How was your accommodation?

Interviewee: My friends live in a big flat. My friend and I shared a bedroom which was very big and comfortable and most of all, we had the perfect view overlooking the ocean. So I must say that we had all the comfort we needed. They even gave us access to a computer for us to check our email or to play on, when we were in the mood and when the weather was bad.

Interviewer: You said that the people there were fine.

Interviewee: Yes. The people from New York are very kind and now I will tell everybody I know, this. Whenever we needed help on the street because we didn't know where to go or because we found the map confusing, they always gave us a hand and helped us find our way.

Interviewer: Did you make any new friends? Have you kept in touch?

Interviewee: Yes. I made some new friends there. I made friends with my friends' neighbours. We spent much of our time together and sometimes they were our guides around the city.

Interviewer: How did you spend your time? Did you participate in any recreational activities?

Interviewee: During the day we went visiting and walking on the streets for hours. And when the weather was bad, we played a lot of chess. We had the chance to participate in the 78th annual feast of San Gennaro but we missed the 36th. Annual African American Day Parade through the whole of Manhattan and we went to the Richmond County Fair on Staten island, which amazed us in every possible way.

That is the end of section 2. You now have half a minute to check your answers.

Question 11-20

Q. 11-14

Answer the following questions using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS OR NUMBERS** for each answer.

11 How did the traveller hear about New York? _____

12 How many times had the traveller flown by plane? _____

13 What surprised the traveller about New York's airport? _____

14 What happened in London? _____

Q. 15-17

Complete the following sentences using **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** for each gap.

15 The traveler liked the different kinds of _____

16 Things that the traveler didn't like in New York were the _____

17 From the flat, the traveler could see the _____

Q. 18-20

Choose the correct answers A-D and write them next to 18-20 on your answer sheet.

18 The traveler found New Yorkers to be _____

A kind.

B rude.

C pushy.

D helpful.

19 Which people showed the traveler around New York?

A Her friend

B Her friends

C Her friends' neighbors

D Strangers

20 What events did the traveler see?

A A chess tournament

B The Annual Feast of San Gennaro

C The Annual African American Day Parade

D The Richmond County Fair