

4.5 Reading for pleasure

The museums of Manhattan

1 Match the words in the box to the photos. Check any new words in your dictionary.

an artist an exhibition a painting a statue a theatre



1 an artist



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____

2 Read the extract from *Factfiles: New York*. It describes five museums and art galleries in Manhattan, an area of New York.

There are more than sixty museums in Manhattan. Some stay open late one or two evenings in the week, and some are free.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art – ‘5,000 years of art’ – is

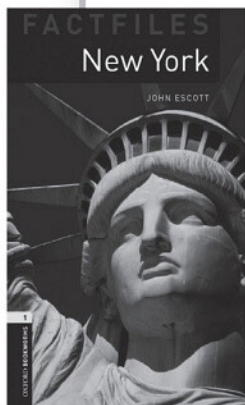
New York’s biggest museum, and is on Fifth Avenue. It has three floors with thousands of paintings, statues and other things. Titian, El Greco, Monet, Cezanne, and Rousseau are just some of the names in the Metropolitan Museum. There is a garden of statues, too.

Perhaps you are interested in American artists. At the Whitney Museum of American Art at 945 Madison Avenue you can see pictures by Edward Hopper, Georgia O’Keeffe, Jasper Johns, Willem de Kooning and many more American artists.

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) is at 11 West 53rd Street. It has the world’s biggest collection of modern art. There are six floors of pictures, photographs and statues. Two of the most famous pictures are Monet’s *Water Lilies* and Picasso’s *Les Femmes d’Alger*.

The Museum of the City of New York on Fifth Avenue, at 103rd Street, tells the story of New York from its beginning. Watch the *Timescapes* movie, and visit the exhibition *Perform* about the New York theatre.

The Guggenheim Museum is also on Fifth Avenue, at 88th Street. The museum opened in 1959. You can see the work of Picasso, Kandinsky, Modigliani and other modern artists in this strange but wonderful museum.



3 Complete the notes with the answers from the box.

~~modern art~~ Museum of Modern Art
Museum of the City of New York statues the USA

- You can see modern art at the Guggenheim Museum.
- The Metropolitan Museum has thousands of paintings and there are _____ outside in the museum garden.
- Go to the _____ to learn about New York from the past to the present.
- One of Monet’s most famous paintings is at the _____.
- The Whitney Museum is a good place to see pictures by artists from _____.

4 Answer the questions.

- Which Manhattan museum would you like to visit?

- What famous museums and art galleries are there in your country?

- What sort of things can you see in them?

Text extract from *Oxford Bookworms Factfiles: New York*.

Review: Units 3 and 4

Grammar

- 1 Match questions (1-8) to answers (a-h).
- 1 Am I late? e
 - 2 Do your parents travel a lot? ___
 - 3 What does Les do? ___
 - 4 Where's the tourist information centre? ___
 - 5 Is there a supermarket near here? ___
 - 6 Does Kerry like her job at the hospital? ___
 - 7 Who usually takes your children to school? ___
 - 8 When does the library open? ___
- a No, they don't.
 - b Yes, there is. It's on High Road.
 - c My husband.
 - d It's next to the railway station.
 - e No, you aren't.
 - f Yes, she does. She loves it.
 - g At half past nine.
 - h He's a car mechanic.
- 2 Circle the correct words to complete the text.

Where I live

It's difficult for young people to buy ¹a / *an* house in ²*the* / - south of England because houses are very expensive. We're very lucky because we have ³*the* / *an* old house in ⁴*the* / *a* centre of ⁵*a* / - nice village, but the average price of ⁶ - / *a* small house in our village is £250,000.

The village is small - ⁷*there are* / *there is* one or two small shops, but ⁸*there aren't* / *there are* any restaurants and ⁹*there aren't* / *there isn't* a railway station here. Fortunately, we are near a big town called Basingstoke. Basingstoke has a shopping centre with lots of ¹⁰*the* / - shops and restaurants. Opposite the shopping centre ¹¹*there's* / *there are* a railway station with fast trains to ¹²*the* / - London.

Vocabulary

- 3 Complete the words in the text.

My name's Javier and I live in Spain with my wife, Maria. I'm a ¹businessman and I work for a car ²comp _____ in Barcelona. It's a ³full-t _____ job - I work forty hours a week and I travel a lot, but I like it. The job is ⁴well p _____ and my ⁵collea _____ are very friendly. We work in an ⁶off _____ near the centre of the city and we often go out together after work. Maria is a doctor at the ⁷hosp _____. She works long hours, but she earns a good ⁸sal _____ and she loves her work.

- 4 Circle the word that matches the definition.
- 1 It's a place where people make things, e.g. cars.
a factory / a manager / freelance / an office
 - 2 It's a great place for people who like books.
a road / a theatre / a library / a hotel
 - 3 It's the room where people cook.
a bathroom / a toilet / a garage / a kitchen
 - 4 It's the opposite of *on*.
between / under / next to / behind
 - 5 It's something you often see in the bathroom.
a cooker / a dishwasher / a shower / a desk

Speaking

- 5 Complete the conversations with the phrases from the box.

at the end of can you could I ~~get to~~ go past near here
that's fine the right turn right where's

- 1 A Excuse me, how do I get to the tourist information centre?
B Go straight on - it's ¹ _____ the road.
- 2 A ² _____ have a day off on Friday, please?
B ³ _____. Let me make a note in my diary to remind me.
- 3 A Excuse me, ⁴ _____ the police station?
B It's on London Road. Take the first left and ⁵ _____ the theatre. The police station is on ⁶ _____.
- 4 A ⁷ _____ lend me a pencil, please?
B Sure, there's one on my desk. Just take it.
- 5 A Excuse me, is there a bank ⁸ _____ ?
B Yes, there's one on West Street. Go to the end of this street and ⁹ _____. The bank is on the left.