

Commuting to work takes more than thirty minutes in all three cities. Traveling to work takes the average person 39.9 minutes in New York. Approximately 56.9% of workers in New York drive to work. Although it is very expensive to drive into the city and parking is difficult, less than half of the workers in New York use public transportation.

There is always something to do in New York City. There are more than 115 museums. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is one of the most visited museums in the world. Another popular tourist destination is the Statue of Liberty. The weather in these three cities is very different. New York receives about 49.9 inches of rain a year and about 25.1 inches of snow. It has a lot fewer days of sunshine than Los Angeles. Los Angeles receives about 284 days of sun a year. New York receives about 224 days of sun.

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The Busiest Airports

Three of the busiest airports in the world are in the United States. Los Angeles Airport (LAX) is located in Los Angeles, California. O'Hare Airport (ORD) is in Chicago, Illinois, and Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is in Atlanta, Georgia. These three are the busiest airports in the US because of the large number of passengers that pass through them every year. In addition, these airports move a great deal of cargo (packages, equipment, and so on).

LAX was established in 1928. It is now one of the busiest airports in the world, with 81 passenger and cargo airlines that use the airport. Each year, more than 59 million passengers travel through LAX. About 59,000 employees work at the airport. The employees work at a number of places throughout the airport, including airline counters, coffee shops, bakeries, and the 95 stores where passengers can shop. LAX is a pet-friendly airport with a small pet park where passengers can walk their dogs.

Each year, more than 77 million passengers use O'Hare, another one of the busiest airports in the world, with 70 airlines using its facilities. O'Hare was established in 1945. Today, many frequent fliers know O'Hare because flights often stop in Chicago on the way to other parts of the country or the world. Because so many passengers spend significant time in the airport, O'Hare offers a number of services, such as a hair salon, a children's museum, an athletic club, and a post office. About 52,000 employees operate the airport's 215 restaurants and stores.

Established in 1925, Hartsfield has become the busiest airport in the world. Over 104 million passengers pass through the airport each year. Forty-five passenger and cargo airlines use the airport. More than 63,000 employees work for the airlines and the 263 restaurants and shops. In fact, the airport is the largest employer in Georgia. To help people move from terminal to terminal, or from a terminal to one of the 30,000 parking spaces, the airport has an underground train, which connects all the airport terminals.

UNIT 8

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1. changed
2. rented
3. looked
4. needed
5. liked
6. wanted
7. helped
8. called
9. lived
10. painted
11. signed
12. waited

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1. He lived in a small apartment.
2. He looked at many apartments.
3. He filled out a rental application.
4. He signed a lease.
5. He packed all his things.
6. He borrowed a van.

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Base Form	Past	Base Form	Past
be	was/were	grow	grew
become	became	have	had
begin	began	hear	heard
bite	bit	know	knew
break	broke	leave	left
bring	brought	lose	lost
buy	bought	make	made
come	came	meet	met
cost	cost	pay	paid
do	did	put	put
drink	drank	read	read
drive	drove	ring	rang
eat	ate	run	ran
fall	fell	say	said
feel	felt	see	saw
fight	fought	sell	sold
find	found	send	sent
fly	flew	sit	sat
forget	forgot	sleep	slept
get	got	speak	spoke
give	gave	spend	spent
go	went	steal	stole

Base Form	Past	Base Form	Past
take	took	wake	woke
teach	taught	wear	wore
tell	told	write	wrote
think	thought		

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OK, this is my timeline. I started in 2010 because in that year I graduated from high school and, a few months after that, I found my first job. I worked and I saved money and, in 2012, I bought a car. I already had my license, but I didn't have a car. The next year, that's 2013, I went back to Poland to visit my family and my friends. My grandparents live in Poland and it was my grandmother's 75th birthday, so everyone went back to Poland to celebrate. In 2015, I found another job—a better job—as a store manager. I met Eva, my wife, in 2015 too, and we got married in 2016. After we got married, the next year, in 2017, we moved to Chicago and that's where we live today, in Chicago.

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A: We might move... again! When I was in my country, I lived in the same house for 22 years. I've been in the United States for seven years and I've moved four times. And we might move again.

B: Four times?

A: Yes. Can you believe it? The first move was from Puerto Rico to Florida. My father got a job offer in Florida, in Tampa. My family and I moved to an apartment in Tampa. I met Diego a year later and we got married. We stayed in Tampa and we rented a one-bedroom apartment near my family. Our neighbors were really nice, but we only stayed there for a year.

B: Why did you move?

A: The apartment building was old and it had a lot of problems. The landlord didn't fix things. The air conditioning was always broken. One time in the summer, we didn't have air conditioning for a week. So, we moved to an apartment in Largo. We liked Largo. We were only a few blocks from the beach and for me, it was only twenty minutes to drive to work. We lived there for two years.

B: So, why did you move back to Tampa?

A: That was an easy decision. We had a baby! Ian is three now. I needed to go back to work and we needed someone to take care of the baby. So, we moved back here, to Tampa, closer to my parents. Mom takes care of Ian.

B: So you've been here for three years.

A: Right. But, now we have to decide what to do. Diego's company has offered him a promotion, but it's in Pensacola. It's a big salary increase, so we could buy a house. And I'm pregnant again.

B: You're pregnant! Oh, that's wonderful!

A: Diego wants to move and take the promotion. I can stay home for a few years and go back to work when the kids are in school. But Pensacola is so far from my family, about 500 miles from here. I'm not sure what to do.

B: You have lots of decisions to make.

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Tiny Living

How much space do you need? If you think that you can live in a small, efficient space, maybe a tiny home is right for you. Tiny homes are affordable alternatives to normal-sized homes. There are tiny house communities from California to Texas to Georgia. The American Tiny House Association can give you more information. There are also TV shows about building tiny homes.

Tiny homes come in many styles. Owners can buy and use construction plans or they can customize their tiny homes. Some homes look very modern, but others look like most other homes—just smaller. One thing that tiny homes have in common is that they are very small, but they have the essentials: a place to sleep, a kitchen, a refrigerator, a bathroom, a compact washer/dryer, and an open living space. Others have outdoor space or a balcony. If a person chooses to live in a tiny home, storage space is very important. There is storage everywhere.

There are pros and cons to owning a tiny home. One of the main advantages is the cost. It is cheap to own a tiny home, and the utility bills are lower, especially if the home has solar power. Tiny homes are convenient if an owner decides to move. That is why some tiny homes are on wheels. However, if your home is on wheels, you need a pickup truck to move it. Another advantage is that it takes less time to clean, but you must be organized. A tiny home can be uncomfortable if it is messy. Finally, another pro is that a couple will spend more time together. A con is that you will lose some of your privacy.

In Detroit, Michigan, a program is offering tiny homes to low-income single residents. This program helps individuals who have had hard times because of homelessness, prison, or low income. Any person with a steady job, even at minimum wage, can apply for a new tiny home. Each home has a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room, a backyard, and a washer-dryer. Some homes have separate bedrooms too. The homes cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. The residents pay \$1 per square foot, so a home of 250 square feet will cost \$250 a month. Similar tiny home communities for low-income residents are available in other states.

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Conversation 1

Owner: Hello, Mike Paulis speaking.

Tenant: Hi, Mr. Paulis. This is Sam Jenkins from apartment 205. Our air conditioning isn't working.

Owner: Oh, no... What's your thermostat set at?

Tenant: 75 degrees. It's 82 in here now.

Owner: I see. Will you be home this morning?

Tenant: No, I'm working today.

Owner: Well, tomorrow is Saturday. Will you be home?

Tenant: Yes, I'll be home all day.

Owner: Great. I can come tomorrow morning around 10 o'clock.

Tenant: OK, thanks. See you tomorrow morning.

Conversation 2

Owner: Nora Colwell.

Tenant: Hello, Ms. Colwell. This is Sarah Darmon from apartment 4. I called you yesterday, about the freezer. It isn't working, all the food in the freezer went bad.

Owner: Really? That refrigerator is almost new.

Tenant: Actually, I looked at the date on the side of the door. The refrigerator is 15 years old.

Owner: Hmm. Well, will you be home this morning?

Tenant: Yes, I'll be home.

Owner: I'll come up this morning then.

Tenant: Ms. Colwell, you told me that yesterday and you never came. I had to throw out all the food in the freezer.

Owner: Well, that is a problem. I'll be there today at 9.

Tenant: OK, I'll be waiting.

UNIT 9

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drought
earthquake
flood
forest fire
heat wave
hurricane
snowstorm / blizzard
tornado
volcanic eruption

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1. How deep was the water?
It was six feet deep.
2. How strong was the wind?
It was a hundred miles per hour.
3. Were you in Texas during the drought?
Yes, I was.
4. How long was the drought?
It was five months long.
5. Was there any rain?
No, there wasn't.
6. Where were the tornadoes?
They were in Nebraska.
7. Were you at home?
No, I wasn't. I was in my car.
8. How many tornadoes were there?
There were four.
9. When was the earthquake?
It was last year.
10. How strong was the earthquake?
Thankfully, it wasn't strong.
11. Were the children in school?
Yes, they were.
12. Were any children hurt?
No, they weren't.
13. Where was the forest fire?
It was in the hills near my town.
14. Was there a lot of snow during the blizzard?
Yes, there was.

15. Were schools closed for a long time?
No, they weren't. Schools opened the day after the storm.

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1. Did you see the tornado?
2. Did you watch the storm on TV?
3. Did you evacuate?
4. Did you have any damage?
5. Did you feel the earthquake?
6. Did you lose power?

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- A:** That was a really bad hurricane you had last month.
- B:** I know, it was our first hurricane since we moved here to North Carolina. We thought it was terrible, but the old-time residents told us it was just an average one.
- A:** How much warning did you have?
- B:** We got nothing but warnings. 24 hours a day, all day for about a week. The radio, the TV, the newspapers—the news was nonstop.
- A:** So, what did you do to get ready?
- B:** Well, we had to get everything out of the yard. We put the yard furniture, the barbecue grill, the garbage cans, everything into the garage. If we didn't, they could fly through a window during the hurricane. And, we bought lots of food, canned food, in case we didn't have power for cooking. We had to buy batteries for flashlights and radios, and they told us to buy water, lots and lots of water. And, we filled the bathtub with water too. We also bought a power saw.
- A:** A power saw?
- B:** Yes. Hurricanes knock down trees. In a bad hurricane, two or three trees might fall in your yard. Everyone around here has power saws to cut them up.
- A:** How bad was the hurricane?
- B:** I thought it was terrible. The rain was so heavy we couldn't see out the windows. The wind was about 80 miles an hour and it reached 100 miles an hour at times. It knocked down the power lines and we didn't have electricity for two days. We were lucky, only one tree came down in the backyard, but our neighbor had a tree come down right through his roof.