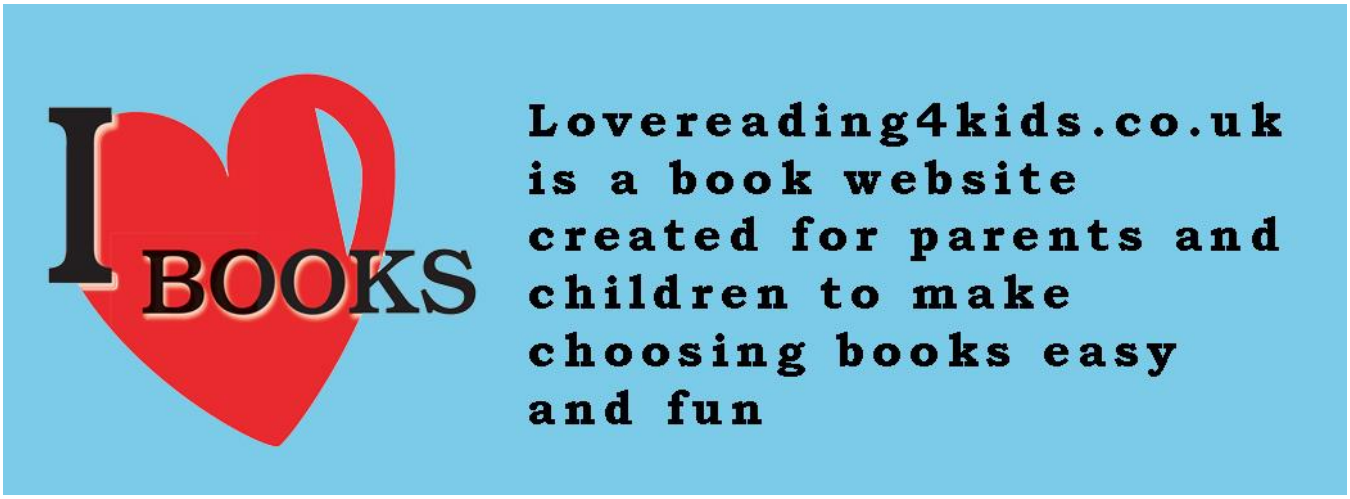

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to look up whenever I
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New York

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New York sits on the east coast of the United States and is one of the busiest cities in the world. Known as "the city that never sleeps," New York is made up of five boroughs—Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Staten Island.

Staten Island Ferry

The Staten Island Ferry is the last remaining ferry service working on the city's waterways and is used by roughly 70,000 passengers every day.

Wall Street

The fast-paced financial district of New York, Wall Street, is home to two of the world's largest stock exchanges, making the city one of the leading global financial markets.

Brooklyn Bridge

The Brooklyn Bridge was opened on May 24, 1883. Emily Roebling was the first person to cross the bridge by carriage. She was the wife of the chief engineer, Washington Roebling, but when he became ill she took over his job, becoming America's first female field engineer.

BROOKLYN

Liberty and freedom

Welcoming visitors since 1886, the Statue of Liberty was built to celebrate American independence. Millions of immigrants, seeking a better life in America, were processed at the immigration station on Ellis Island during the 19th and 20th centuries.

HUDSON RIVER

Manhattan

LITTLE ITALY

WALL ST.

CHINATOWN

Madison Square Garden

Named after the fourth US President, James Madison, Madison Square Garden is a world-renowned sports and entertainment arena. It is also home to the Rangers (ice hockey), the Knicks (men's basketball), and the New York Liberty (women's basketball) teams.

BROADWAY 42ND

Skyscrapers

The limited ground area in Manhattan meant that architects had to build taller towers to maximize the space, giving New York a sky-scraping reputation.

EAST RIVER

Grid system

To bring order to the 19th-century city, the Commissioners' Plan of 1811 was drawn up, splitting New York into evenly spaced roads: 12 main north-south corridors with east-west cross streets dividing New York into grids.

Central Park

Pretzels, pizza, and pastrami!

The food of New York is as diverse as its people. Pizza, New York-style, is sold by the slice, and baked pretzels are found on almost every street corner. There are also New York-style cheesecakes, bagels, and infamous pastrami-on-rye sandwiches.

ROOSEVELT ISLAND

International influences

Home to the headquarters of the United Nations, New York is a center for international diplomacy and has a proud history of welcoming different cultures and people to its streets. Experts believe there are more than 800 languages spoken in the city, making it one of the most linguistically diverse places in the world.