

WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

A. General comprehension

All your answers will be IN ENGLISH with COMPLETE SENTENCES.

1. What type of document is it? (tick the right answer)

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a newspaper article

a website

a letter

a novel

2. When was the document published? (Give the dates AND times)

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The document was published on January 07, 2008, at 12:14PM for the first message, on January 07, 2008 at 02:34PM for the second one, and on January 07, 2008 at 02:44PM for the last one.

3. How many people write? (circle the right answer)

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1

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3

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B. Detailed comprehension

1. Give the name of the writers and their nationalities

/1

Mark is **British** (l.1 "as a Brit", last line "brass monkey is a saying from the United Kingdom")

Kelly is **American** ("there are lots of yellow cabs")

[note: aucune justification n'était attendue; je les ai indiquées ici pour vous montrer comme on arrivait à ces conclusions]

2. Tick 'right' or 'wrong' and justify by quoting the text.

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1) Mark arrives by plane.

right

wrong

justify: Mark writes: "do we need to prebook a taxi **from JFK airport?**"

2) Mark wants to go to New York at the end of January.

right

wrong

justify: Mark writes: "what sort of weather can we expect **in middle of February?**"

3) Broadway is near Ground Zero.

right

wrong

justify: Kelly writes: "**on Broadway just opposite Ground Zero**"

3. Give synonyms from the text.

extremely cold: **freezing cold** / **brass monkey cold** (les deux sont acceptés)

a cab: **a taxi**

4. Answer the questions and justify by quoting the text.

/2

1) It's 9:30 in the morning. Can I buy a camera in New York?

Yes I can; « most shops are open till 9:00 **pm** »... [on peut supposer qu'à neuf heures du matin, les magasins sont ouverts)

2) Is it possible to visit *Ground Zero*?

Yes, it is; to Mark's question 5, Kelly answers « **Sure**; you can **also** visit... »

5. Search the text.

/2

Give two possible outdoor activities in New York from the text:

Central park and the **Bronx zoo**.

What does "in remembrance of sep 11" refer to? (to refer to: faire allusion à)
bonus: +1)

(possible

« in remembrance of sep11 » refers to the **terrorist** attack of **sept 11, 2001** on the **World Trade Center** (the Twin Towers), in Manhattan, New York City, NY. Following the attacks, the two towers collapsed and President Bush started a 'War on Terror', which ultimately resulted in the war in Afghanistan and in Irak

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sooooooooooooo many questions

Posted by: [mark](#) (---.glfd.adsl.virgin.net)

Date: January 07, 2008 12:14PM

ok I have already posted but as a Brit, I cannot wait to visit new york and this will be the one and only time we get to travel to america without* the kids so please forgive any questions that have already been answered somewhere

1. do we need to prebook a taxi from jfk airport?
- 2.what sort of weather can we expect in middle of february cold, freezing cold, or brass monkey cold ?
- 3.are most of the attractions and shops open till late at night and what sort of times are they open till*?
- 4 are all these attraction possible in 4 days :

empire state building,rockefeller centre,macys,statue of liberty,guggenheim museum, grand central station, central park and possibly bronx zoo :)

5 Is it possible to visit ground zero?

bye for now

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Re: sooooooooooooo many questions

Posted by: [Kelly](#) (---.nycmny.east.verizon.net)

Date: January 07, 2008 02:34PM

hi!

- 1) there are lots of yellow cabs, so you don't need to reserve one.
- 2) It's cold in Feb. Freezing. Don't know what you mean by brass monkey cold, but plan on probably not warmer than 30 degrees Fahrenheit during the day.
- 3) most shops are open til about 9:00pm
- 4) yes, absolutely
- 5) sure; you can visit also nearby trinity church, on broadway just opposite ground zero. lots of things there in remembrance of sep. 11.

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Re: sooooooooooooo many questions

Posted by: [mark](#) (---.glfd.adsl.virgin.net)

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many thanks for that

brass monkey is a saying in the united kingdom

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without: sans

till: jusqu'à