

# New York, New York

Mari gives advice on what to do and see while in New York.



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**Mari:** Yeah.



## Comprehension Page

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**Main Points:** Answer the following questions about the interview.

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| 1) Where was Mari born?                   | 3) What should Mike consider first?          |
| a) New York City                          | a) The season                                |
| b) The suburbs                            | b) His budget                                |
| c) Tokyo                                  | c) His length of stay                        |
| 2) What does she mention about city life? | 4) What is Mari's favorite time in New York? |
| a) The glamour                            | a) She prefers the holidays.                 |
| b) The diversity                          | b) She prefers warm weather.                 |
| c) The unexpected                         | c) She has no preference.                    |
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| 2. the suburbs       | ___ famous street with many tall buildings |
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| 4. really diverse    | ___ the area around the urban center       |
| 5. Fifth Avenue      | ___ famous street with many theaters       |
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**Unscramble:** Put the mixed up sentences in the correct order.

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2. so | did you do | what | growing up | ?
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3. life | the city | you like | so | ?
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4. visiting | New York | I do | if I was | what should | ?
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**Discussion:** Can you remember how Ivan answered the above questions?

# Summary



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## Bits and Pieces

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(Some will be used more than once)

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