

New York is the city that never sleeps, and you are part of it! Next stop: Manhattan. To learn more about the city, you have booked a guide. But he's a little late. So you look for him in the crowd. Suddenly you discover a tall man with a feather headdress and a tomahawk, who runs up to you and says, "Hi guys, my name is Achak – Spirit. I'm your guide for today. Are you ready to discover the origin of Manna-hata? Let's go!" Amused, you look at each other and wonder what the word Manna-hata and the unusual appearance of the guide are all about. Now you have two options. You can solve the riddles, crack the code and reveal the mystery about your guide and the origin of Manna-hata. Or if you're a party pooper, you take the easy way and search on the internet. Good luck and have fun!

Vocabulary:

crowd: Menschenmenge, **feather headdress:** Federkopfschmuck, **tomahawk:** Kriegsbeil, **(to) run up to sb.:** auf jdn. zugelaufen kommen, **origin:** Ursprung, **unusual:** ungewöhnlich, **appearance:** Aussehen, **party pooper:** Spaßbremse



WELCOME TO NEW YORK! DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE URBAN JUNGLE! FIRST RIDDLE

The boroughs of New York City

New York is also called the Big Apple. It is divided into five boroughs: the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Staten Island. Do you know what they are famous for?

Step 1: Read the descriptions of the boroughs. To find out the code, write down the name and the number of the right district.



a) This borough is especially famous for its sights.

The most famous one is the Statue of Liberty.

_____ → No. _____

b) This neighbourhood is one of the poorest and has a rather bad reputation.

Still, it's full of history and culture.

_____ → No. _____

c) This borough is very trendy with its shops and restaurants. It attracts especially young people.

When it was founded by the Dutch in 1634, it was named "Breuckelen".

_____ → No. _____

All three numbers of the code are: _____

Vocabulary:

borough: Bezirk / Stadtteil, **(to) be divided into sth.:** in etw. (auf-)geteilt sein, **district:** Bezirk, Stadtteil, **(to) be divided into sth.:** in etw. (auf-)geteilt sein



WELCOME TO NEW YORK! DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THE URBAN JUNGLE! CODE 314

Slang words

In the urban jungle, you often hear slang words. Do you know what's going on?

Step 1: Read the expressions.

Step 2: To find out the code, find the right matches. Use the dots to draw a line and connect the slang words with their meaning. The correct code won't be crossed out.

1. I dunno.	●		713	● a) It's not a problem.
2. (to) have beef	●			● b) total disaster
3. No biggie.	●	146		● c) (to) tell sb. to shut up
4. Zip it!	●		314	● d) (to) be in a fight with someone
5. What an epic fail!	●	963		● e) I don't know.
6. (to) be broke	●		299	● f) (to) be out of money

The number that isn't crossed out is: _____



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The Statue of Liberty

Step 1: Read the text and fill in the gaps with the words from the box.

Step 2: To find out the code, write down the gap number of the quantifiers that start with a vowel.

some few any every all many

The Statue of Liberty is one of the most famous sights and symbols of America. It represents "Libertas", the Roman Goddess of freedom. The statue stands on Liberty Island, in New York harbour, and welcomes _____ ① visitors, immigrants and citizens travelling by ship. Here are _____ ② facts about "Lady Liberty": _____ ③ people (about 10,000!) visit the Statue of Liberty _____ ④ day. The torch represents the enlightenment of the world, the crown stands for the seven seas and continents, and the broken chains at her feet symbolize the end of slavery. _____ ⑤ people know that the statue was a gift of the French to commemorate the American Declaration of Independence.

_____ ⑥ more questions?

The gap numbers of the quantifiers that start with a vowel are: _____

Vocabulary:

quantifier: Vervielfachungswort; vowel: Vokal, torch: Fackel, enlightenment: Erleuchtung / Aufklärung

Finally, the time has come! You are in the USA for a student exchange programme. Today you spend your day at school and get to know the friends of your exchange partners. They decide to do something fun. TJ, the troublemaker, encourages you to leave the school grounds without permission in order to eat a delicious burger instead of going to the cafeteria. Unfortunately, you are caught by the janitor and reported. Now you have two options. Either you accept the punishment and prepare a presentation comparing the American and German school systems. Or you're clever and escape from it. All you have to do is to solve the riddles and crack the code. Good luck!

Vocabulary:

troublemaker: Unruhestifter, (to) encourage sb.: jdn. ermutigen, **permission:** Erlaubnis, **delicious:** lecker, **instead of:** statt, (to) **be caught:** erwischt werden, **janitor:** Hausmeister, (to) **report sb.:** jdn. melden, **punishment:** Strafe, (to) **escape from sth.:** vor etw. fliehen



QR-Code
First riddle



QR-Code
Code 524



QR-Code
Code 215



QR-Code
Code 769



QR-Code
Code 647



What a great chance! You won a visitor ticket to Silicon Valley in California, one of the most important locations of the IT and high-tech industry worldwide. After a long day at the Silicon Valley, you wake up the next morning and reach for the cereals. Funny, you never have cereals for breakfast. Then your feet carry you straight to the bus stop. Hey, what's the matter with you? Your plan was to skip school today and avoid the math test. It seems like your body doesn't do what you want it to do. You scratch your head and suddenly notice a chip under your skin. You begin to feel hot and remember the latest experiment from Silicon Valley: the remote-controlled human. There is no doubt about it! You are being remote controlled!

Now you have two options. You can solve the riddles, crack the code and find out what it is all about. Or you wait and see what the day will bring. In the night you make a guess and write a very detailed message to your best friend. Who took control over you? Why? What unusual things did you (or rather your body) do? Are you scared? What do you do to get out of the situation? But remember your stories are always slightly exaggerated ... Good luck and watch your step!

Vocabulary:

(to) reach for sth.: nach etw. greifen, cereals: Cornflakes, (to) carry sb./sth.: jdn./etw. tragen, (to) skip sth.: hier: etw. schwänzen, (to) avoid sth.: etw. vermeiden, (to) scratch oneself: sich kratzen, skin: Haut, the latest: das jüngste, remote-controlled: ferngesteuert, human: Mensch, doubt: Zweifel, slightly: ein wenig, exaggerated: übertrieben



CALIFORNIA DREAMING? THE NIGHTMARE OF REMOTE CONTROL! FIRST RIDDLE

Mini quiz about California

Step 1: Read the quiz and tick the right answers.

Step 2: To find out the code, write down the numbers of your answers.

California is on the ...

- north coast (1)
 east coast (2)

- south coast (3)
 west coast (4)

Which city is not in California?

- San Francisco (1)
 Miami (2)

- San Diego (3)
 Los Angeles (4)

What is the Central Valley famous for?

- Tomatoes, strawberries and wine (1)
 Centre of artificial intelligence (2)

- Hollywood stars (3)

The numbers of the right answers are: _____



CALIFORNIA DREAMING? THE NIGHTMARE OF REMOTE CONTROL! CODE 413

Typical California

Step 1: Read the words and find the right match. Attention: Three words will remain.

Step 2: To find out the code, write down the numbers of the remaining words from small to large.

summer of love	→
cable car	→
Death Valley	→
state symbol	→
Yosemite	→
Alcatraz	→

grizzly bear	(9)	prison	(4)
San Francisco	(2)	barbie	(8)
Hippies	(5)	National Park	(1)
desert	(7)	whale watching	(6)
Golden Gate Bridge	(3)		

The numbers of the remaining words from small to large are: _____



CALIFORNIA DREAMING? THE NIGHTMARE OF REMOTE CONTROL! CODE 368

California and the gold rush

Step 1: Read the sentences. Then look at the table and test your knowledge of indirect speech.

Step 2: To find out the first two numbers of the code, write down the number of right and wrong sentences.

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| 1. The first piece of gold was found in Coloma in 1848. | 2. The discovery of gold attracted many immigrants. | 3. When the gold rush stopped in 1952, people moved away. |
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statements in indirect speech	right	wrong
1. He said that the first piece of gold had been found in Coloma in 1848.		
2. A worker says that the discovery of gold attracted many immigrants.		
3. They told that when the gold rush stopped in 1952, people moved away.		

The number of right sentences is: _____

The number of wrong sentences is: _____

Step 3: To find out the last number of the code, answer the following question and count the letters of your solution: Which famous toy was invented by Ruth Handler in 1959 in L.A.? Tip: You can find help in another riddle.

The answer to the question is: _____ → number of letters: _____

All three numbers of the code are: _____

Vocabulary:

gold rush, gold discovery, discovery: Entdeckung