Explore New York City Through Listening Comprehension Activities

Transcript

Interviewer: Now, Mike, you lived in New York City. That's really, really cool. I think New York's a fantastic city.

Mike: I've never lived there, but I visited New York many times. What was it like living in New York City? Like you said, there's a lot of cool things to do and see in New York. One big difference when you're living there compared to when you're visiting there is that you start to feel like a New Yorker does.

And it changes your sort of viewpoint of the city and things to do there. Within the city, there's a lot of different interesting places and things to do. And, of course, when you live there, you find out about more places that you normally either wouldn't know about or wouldn't have time to see if you were just visiting for a few days.

Interviewer: What did you do in New York City?

Mike: Well, I was there during the height of the Internet boom. So I was working for an Internet-based company that was doing broadband webcasting. I won't go into details, but it was just an Internet-related company.

And so I lived in midtown Manhattan in an expensive apartment with a few friends and worked.

Interviewer: Oh, you had roommates?

Mike: Yes. I had three roommates, none of whom were from New York, which is very common in New York, I think. It's a city of people who come from elsewhere to live in. And the people from New York tend to, I think, sound and act a bit differently than the rest.

Interviewer: What was your favorite part of New York City?

Mike: Well, as you may know, New York is divided into several sectors. And I'll stick to Manhattan, one of the main boroughs in New York is Manhattan. In that borough, it's divided into several sections, several areas. One of my favorites was Greenwich Village.

And in that area, there's a lot of interesting clubs and bars. And right next to there, in another area called the Bowery, which is right next to Greenwich Village, there are some sort of old icons and places that I'd

known from back in the 70s, sort of where punk rock started, for example. Those kind of places were there.

Interviewer: You like punk music?

Mike: Yeah, I do. I'm a big fan. Old guy that I am, yes.

Interviewer: Oh, that's cool. Could you ever live in New York City again?

Mike: Absolutely. I would live in New York, but, again, it's an expensive city to live in. And I think it's a very competitive city. But, yeah, if I had the opportunity, I would definitely live there again. I wouldn't settle in New York, but I'd definitely live there for a while.

Interviewer: Oh, cool. Thanks, Mike.