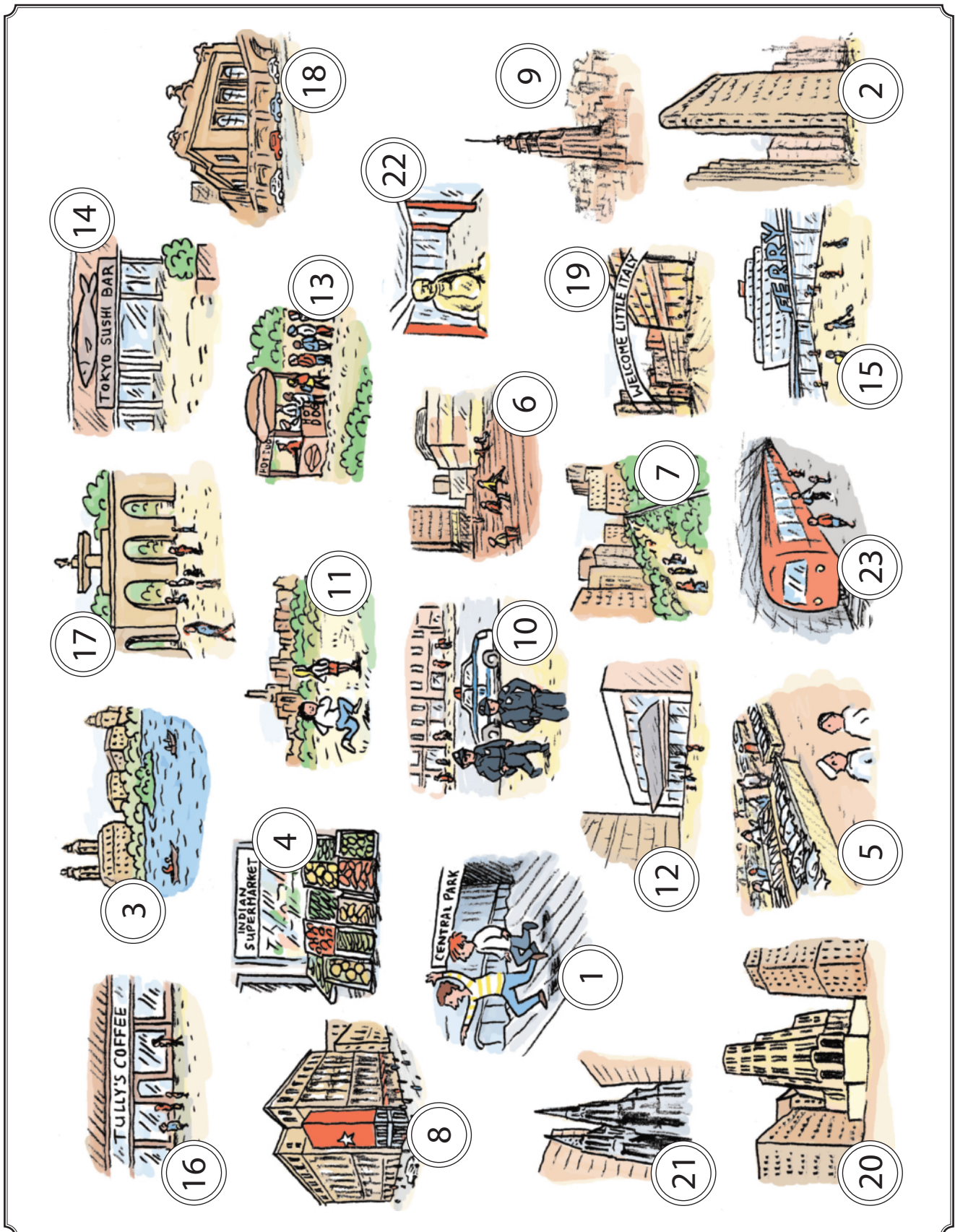


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Lesespurgeschichte (1)

Sam spent the last summer holidays in New York where he was visiting his uncle George, his aunt Ella und his cousin Peter. Sam and Peter like each other a lot and were very happy to have two weeks and a lot of time for nice activities together! One day they took the subway to Central Park because they wanted to row a boat on the lake there. While they were on the stairs to leave the subway station there was a tumult behind them.

If you want to know what happened, start reading at number 1.

1 The two boys only heard some loud noises and people screaming. There were people running in different directions creating a busy atmosphere. What had just happened? Then Sam realised that his phone was gone! Was it somewhere on the floor? He looked around! No! It must have been stolen! "Peter", he shouted, "my phone is gone! Sh..." The escalator went up into the daylight and they stood aside. You could see Peter's shoulders hanging and his sad face. Sam's phone was new and expensive! "Oh no, that can't be true! Keep calm, we'll find it! Let's call my dad and mum first and tell them what happened ... maybe they have an idea." Peter said. "What's that behind you? Peter we need to be quick! I see somebody running away over there! Let's follow him! QUIIIIIICK!!!!!"

2 Another famous building in Manhattan is the so called "Flatiron Building", it got its name because of the shape. Today, several companies have their office in this building. Buildings which are used as offices usually have security people who see to it that nobody enters who is not allowed to do so. Many of them also have electronic doors which can be locked quickly in case of an emergency. That's why hiding in this building would not be a clever idea, so please go on searching the next location.

3 The race in Central Park continued! Sam wanted to get back his new smartphone because he had saved a lot of money that he got from his grandparents for Christmas and his last two birthdays to buy it. Besides, all his memories from the trip to New York, all the photos he had taken so far were on this phone! He couldn't even imagine losing all these pictures! The boys followed the thief who was now running around the lake in Central Park. "Hey, that's where we actually wanted to go! It looks pretty nice, I hope we can still do that", Sam shouted to Peter who could only nod because he was so out of breath.

4 Peter was a bit stressed when Sam started running so quickly – he is a very fast runner. Peter is rather a relaxed person and doesn't like running fast, but he gave his best and tried to follow his cousin. They started running past a small Indian supermarket towards Central Park. Outside the supermarket there were several people who were looking around. The two boys nearly crashed into an old lady who started screaming at them.

5 When going towards the harbour in New York, tourists can see some ships and a few shops and restaurants on the promenade. Every day the market hall at the harbour is crowded because it is famous for its fresh food. Inside, it smells like fish and some people feel like throwing up when they enter. You can see shop assistants everywhere shouting for instance: "Buy two kilos of bananas and get two oranges for free!" As the market hall is pretty crowded and people are walking around slowly searching the best offer, it is not a good place to rush through when escaping with a stolen object. Moreover, the thief does not pass this area of Manhattan, so please go on searching the next location.

6 They were wrong because the thief changed his direction and did not go to Brooklyn. Sam and Peter were relieved! They were about to spot another place with a lot of shimmering lights! But that was not Chinatown, no, it was TIMES SQUARE! "That's a very special place!", Sam thought. It has always been his dream to stand on this square and buy tickets for a musical. Then they saw him again! There he was, climbing up the stairs. "How stupid of a thief, up there everybody can see him", Sam thought. He climbed up the stairs and realised that he could not run down the other side. "That's our chance", Peter screamed. "We can catch

At the airport

Lesespurgeschichte (2)

Julie and her family planned to fly to San Francisco in the summer holidays and do a road trip in California by renting a camper van. It was her first transatlantic flight and that's why she was extremely nervous and did not know what to expect. Her older brother Peter had already been to the US with their uncle, so he was an expert when it came to longer flights.

If you want to know what Julie experienced at the airport, start reading at number 1.

1 The Germaine family had two large suitcases and a smaller one, which they planned to take into the cabin as hand luggage. Julie had to share a suitcase with her mother because her parents told her that they would take the subway from the airport to the hotel in San Francisco. Afterwards they also had to walk about 15 minutes, so she was not allowed to take too much stuff with her for the time in California. As the suitcases were heavy, Julie's uncle drove the family to the airport by car. They arrived at the entrance of the airport and uncle Jim dropped them there.

2 After some long minutes the queue had finally diminished and it was their turn. Julie's parents showed all the four passports to the lady who was wearing an elegant costume with the logo of the airline on it. In Julie's eyes she looked very important. The lady started typing their data into her computer and printed the boarding passes for the four of them. "Oh we don't need them", Mr Germaine said. "I have all the boarding passes in the wallet on my phone. I think this is quite useful because we are saving paper. We are green eco-friendly people, you know?" "George, stop telling the woman our whole life story. Take the boarding passes, they are useful because we can give them to Julie and Peter. In case they get lost, they will know where to go, people can help them find us or they can even board the plane without us."

If you want to know how many hours the Germaine family has to fly to get from London to San Francisco, solve the following riddle:

Number of inhabitants of the city of London: million +

Number of airports in the greater area of London: airports –

Number of seasons every year has: seasons

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You will also know where you have to go on reading.

3 This is the gate where the plane to Singapore is going to board soon. Julie's parents had always wanted to fly to Singapore but with the high humidity and extreme heat there in August they decided to fly to California instead. They were sure that San Francisco and the national parks would be an exciting experience for Julie and her brother which they would totally enjoy. But one day, they will definitely go to Singapore to have a look at the amazing Marina Bay Sands and the Gardens by the Bay. So this is not the correct gate, go back to the last place and search the right one.

4 This is not the correct entrance for the hand luggage check and the passenger screening. This is the entrance for business and first class passengers. Julie's dad had checked the prices for a business class ticket because he had taken business class flights when he was in the US for work and in his opinion, it was really comfortable. In the economy class he always had problems to fit into the seat because his legs are so long! But the prices were high, so they could not afford it for the whole family, not even for Mr Germaine. In the end, they decided that it's not worth to spend so much money on a plane ticket but that it makes more

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