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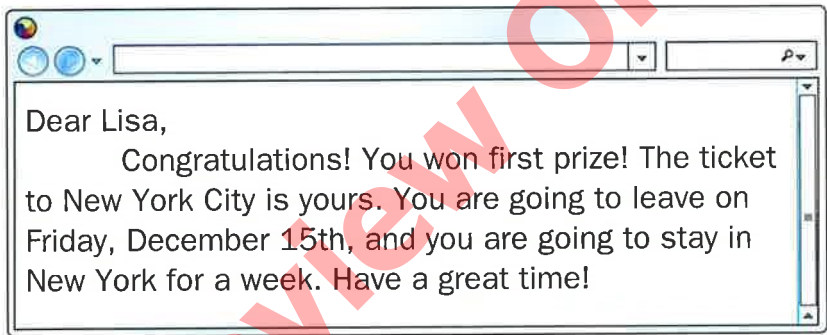
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CHAPTER 1

IT IS EARLY TUESDAY MORNING AND LISA IS SITTING AT HER computer. She is checking her e-mail because she is waiting for a very important answer.

Yesterday, Lisa did an online quiz about the big cities of the U.S. She got all of the answers correct. She had a chance to win first prize-a ticket to New York City.

Lisa sees a new message in her inbox and opens it. It's an e-mail from the website of the quiz!



Lisa cannot believe her eyes. She screams, "YES!" Lisa's mother hears her shouting and comes into her room.

"Lisa, dear, are you OK?" asks Lisa's mum.

"Yes, Mum, you won't believe it! I won first prize in the online quiz - a ticket to New York City!" says Lisa.

"Well, Lisa, that's fantastic! You must not miss this trip. It's a great chance for you to visit New York, and see your cousins, George and Amy again," says Lisa's mum.

"Oh, that's right. They came to visit us with Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle John many years ago," says Lisa.

"Yes, that's right. So, tell me, when are you going to go?" asks Lisa's mother.

"My ticket is for this Friday. I am going to stay in New York for a week!" says Lisa.



“Well, you have some time to get ready. I’ll call your Aunt Elizabeth and let her know when you are arriving,” says Lisa’s mum.

“Great! Thanks, Mum,” says Lisa. She’s very excited about her trip.





CHAPTER 2

IT IS FRIDAY, AND LISA IS AT JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. SHE is holding her luggage and looking around for Aunt Elizabeth. Suddenly, she feels a hand on her shoulder. She turns around and sees a teenage boy.

“Hi, Lisa! I’m George. I recognised you right away!” says George and he gives Lisa a big hug.

“Wow, what a nice surprise!” Lisa says with a smile, “I remember you a little bit, but you are older now.”

“So are you! Now, come on. Let’s take a taxi home. You must be tired from your trip,” says George.

Lisa and George get into a taxi and drive into the city towards George’s house. Lisa is busy looking out the window at the buildings and all the people walking around. She can’t believe it! She’s finally in New York!

Lisa and George arrive at George's house. George's parents, Aunt Elizabeth and Uncle John, are waiting for them.

"Welcome to our home," Aunt Elizabeth says, as she hugs Lisa. "I hope you are hungry because I cooked a big dinner for you!"

They all sit down and eat a big meal of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, and salad.

"Wow, this food is great! Thanks Aunt Elizabeth! But I have a question - where's Amy?" asks Lisa.

"Oh, Amy is in college, honey," Uncle John answers, "she's staying on the university campus. But don't worry, she'll visit home before you leave. Well, tell us, what do you think of the Big Apple so far?"

Lisa does not understand. "The big what?" she asks.

George laughs. "The Big Apple is another name for New York," he explains.

Lisa laughs, too. "I see..." she says. "Oh, it's so big! There are so many people! And the buildings... they are so tall! I want to see so much!"

"Don't worry, Lisa," George says, "I am going to show you around. I can be your private tour guide," George says with a laugh.

"Great, George! Thanks!" says Lisa.

"Well, Lisa," her aunt says, "You must get some rest. Tomorrow is your first big day in New York!"

At night, Lisa has a strange dream. She dreams of a very big apple!