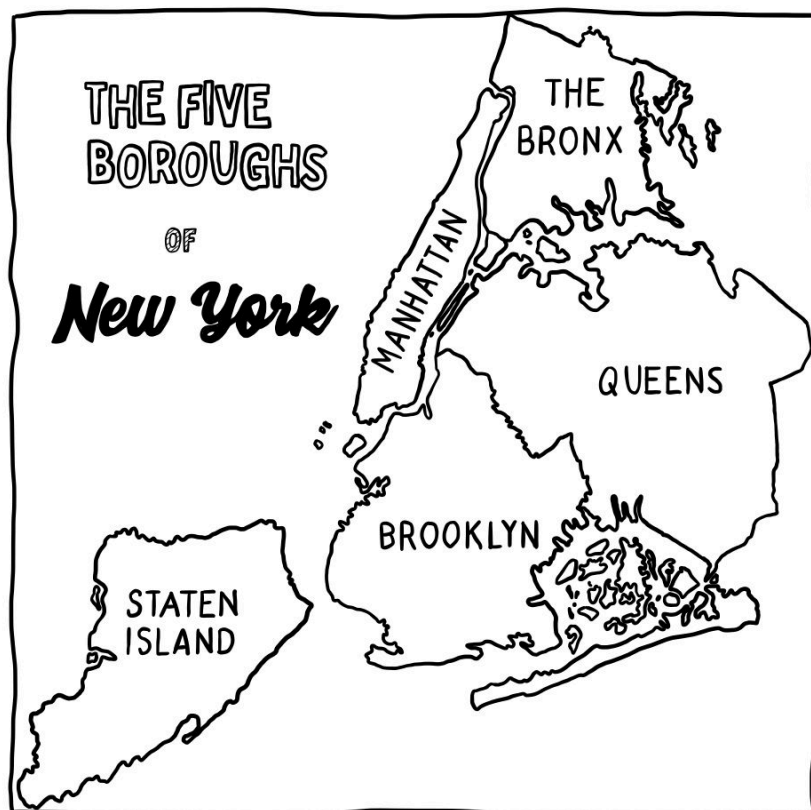Einstieg Puzzle

Lösung am Ende der Stunde

The Boroughs of New York City

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New York City, the city that never sleeps, is made up of five boroughs: Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, The Bronx and Staten Island.

In the south of Brooklyn, you can find the neighborhood Coney Island. It has an amusement park with many rides and attractions right at the beach. Another famous attraction is the Brooklyn Botanic Garden which is home to over 12,000 kinds of plants. However, the Brooklyn Bridge is most likely the best-known sight in Brooklyn. It is about 1.8 kilometers long and connects Brooklyn with Manhattan. Manhattan is surrounded by the East River in the east and the Hudson River in the west. It is likely the most popular borough of New York City. About 1.6 million people live there even though the borough is only 88 square kilometers in size. So, it comes to no surprise that despite the fact that it is the smallest borough by land, it is still the most densely populated borough of NYC.

Brooklyn Bridge, NYC

Queens has about 2.3 million inhabitants and a couple of nice things to do. Perhaps the most famous attraction is Flushing Meadows Park. The Park is very big and home to many different sights like the Us Open tennis tournament, the New York Mets baseball team and the New York Hall of Science. The New York Hall of Science has over 450 interactive displays for children.

The Bronx, well-known as the birthplace of rap and hip-hop and located north-east of Manhattan, has the second-smallest population with around 1.4 million inhabitants.

The most famous attraction on Staten Island is the Staten Island Ferry which connects Staten Island to lower Manhattan and goes past the Statue of Liberty. The ferry operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with boats leaving every 15 to 30 minutes. The Seaside Wildlife Nature Park is another well-known attraction because of its huge ocean-inspired playground.

Statue of Liberty

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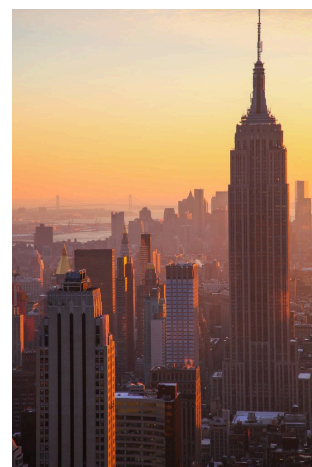
Brooklyn, named after the Dutch village of Breukelen, is the secondlargest borough by land. Nevertheless, it has the biggest population with almost 2.6 million inhabitants.

Manhattan is probably the most famous borough of New York City. This comes to no surprise due to the fact that most of New York City's tourist attractions are located in Manhattan. One of them is the Empire State Building. It was built from 1930 to 1931 and is 443 meters tall. Another famous skyscraper is the One World Trade Center, which currently is the tallest building in the United States. It was built next to the original World Trade Centers, which were destroyed during 9/11. Besides many skyscrapers, Manhattan is also known for Central Park where many movies are produced.

Empire State Building

If you ever fly to New York City, Queens is probably the first borough you will visit. That's because John F. Kennedy and LaGuardia airport are located there. Thus, it comes to no surprise that Queens is the largest borough by land.

The Bronx is home of the Bronx Zoo, the biggest zoo in New York City. Over two million people visit it every year. Besides the largest Zoo you can also find the largest park of New York City named Pelham Bay Park. It even has two golf courses. Last but not least, The Bronx is home to the New York Yankees baseball team who have won the World Series 27 times.

The fifth borough is Staten Island which is often called "the forgotten borough" because it is less known than the other boroughs. Additionally, it is the least populated borough with only 474 thousand inhabitants.

One World Trade Center

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borough	population	attractions / sights	other information

③ Talk to your partner and ask for the pieces of information that you are missing. The helpful phrases below might help you. Complete your table.

④ Fill in the names of the boroughs on the map.

Helpful phrases:

"How many people live in … ?"   → "… people live in …"

"What are the attractions in … ?"   → "The attractions in … are … "

"Do you have any other information about … ?"   → "An interesting fact about … is …"