

2.1 Rob Comes to New York

Part 1 Preview & Background *Answer these questions before you watch the video.*

Preview Question: Rob is arriving in New York for the first time to work for one month. What do you think he will find most surprising or exciting about the city?

What do you remember from the previous videos?

- Rob is a _____ from _____. Jenny is an assistant _____ from New York.
- Rob and Jenny met when Jenny visited _____.
- Jenny convinced Rob to come to work at her _____.

Gist Question: What two problems does Rob have when he arrives at his hotel in New York?

Part 2 Comprehension *Answer the questions while or after you watch the video.*

- Jenny works for a magazine called _____.
 - New York in Seven
 - New York to 47
 - New York 24-7
- Jenny went to London _____.
 - last week
 - last month
 - a few weeks ago
 - a few months ago
- Jenny spent her birthday with _____.
 - Rob
 - Daniel
- Jenny and Rob _____ and _____ together.
 - watched many movies
 - went shopping
 - drank coffee
 - lived
- Jenny _____ Rob.
 - really likes
 - doesn't really like
- Rob _____ very punctual.
 - is
 - isn't
- Rob is going to stay in New York for _____.
 - a week
 - two weeks
 - a month
- Rob arrived in New York _____.
 - today
 - last week
 - last month
- Rob is staying in Room _____.
 - 316
 - 361
 - 613
 - 631
- Rob has problems with _____ and _____.
 - the air conditioner
 - the lights
 - the wi-fi
 - the bed
 - the TV

Part 3 Discussion

1. If you watched the Series 1 videos, what do you remember about Daniel?
↳ Use: ***I remember that Daniel...***
↳ Use: ***I think Daniel is...***
2. What problems did Rob have in his hotel room?
↳ Use: ***Rob had a problem with...***
↳ Use: ***First... and then...***
3. What is your worst experience in a hotel? What problems did you have? Did the staff help you well?
↳ Use: ***Once I stayed in a hotel and...***
↳ Use: ***My worst experience in a hotel was when I went to ... and ...***
4. Why do you think Rob really came to New York? Was it only for work?
↳ Use: ***I think Rob came because...***
↳ Use: ***I think he also wanted to...***
5. Have you ever traveled to another country or city to meet someone special? What happened?
↳ Use: ***I once traveled to...***

Part 5 Grammar Check *Circle the correct verb form to complete each sentence.*

1. My name's Jenny Zielinski. I (live and work / lives and works / lived and worked) in New York.
2. A few months ago, I (visit / visited / 'll visit) our office in London. I (meet / meets / met) the manager, Daniel O'Connor. I (have / has / had) lots of meetings with him, of course.
3. But I (spend / spends / spent) more time with Rob Walker. He (is / are / was) one of the writers on the London magazine.
4. We (have / has / had) coffees together. We (go / goes / went) sightseeing. I even (help / helps / helped) Rob buy a shirt.
5. I liked him a lot. I (think / thinks / 'll think) he (likes / liked / is going to like) me too.
6. We (invite / invited / will invite) him to work for the New York magazine for a month, and he (agree / agrees / agreed) .
7. So, now Rob (is coming / was coming / will be coming) to New York. I (know / knows / knew) he's really excited about it. It (is / was / is going to be) great to see him again.
8. There's a problem with the air conditioning. It (isn't working / wasn't working / won't be working) .
9. I'm sorry sir. I (send / sent / 'll send) somebody up to look at it right now.
10. I (have / had / 'll have) a problem with the wi-fi. I can't get a signal.
11. I'm sorry, sir. I (put / puts / 'll put) you through to I.T.

Part 5 Sentence Building Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use present or past tenses to match the context.

E.g. Jenny / live / work / New York

Jenny lives and works in New York.

1. Jenny / assistant / editor / magazine / call / New York 24-7
2. few / month / ago / she / visit / London
3. while / she / London / Jenny / spend / lot / time / Rob
4. they / drink / coffee / go / shop / and / go / sightsee / together
5. even / though / Rob / often / late / Jenny / really / like / him
6. Jenny / invite / Rob / work / New York / month
7. Rob / really / excited / trip / New York
8. when / Rob / arrive / he / have / problem / air / conditioner / and / wi-fi
9. receptionist / offer / put / Rob / through / IT / department

Script

- Jenny:** My name's Jenny Zielinski. I live and work in New York. I'm the assistant editor of a magazine called New York 24-7.
- Jenny:** A few months ago, I visited our office in London to learn more about the company.
- Jenny:** Daniel?
- Daniel:** How nice to meet you.
- Jenny:** I met the manager, Daniel O'Connor.
- Daniel:** Would you like something to drink — tea, coffee?
- Jenny:** I had lots of meetings with him, of course, and a working dinner on my birthday.
- Daniel:** Would you like to go somewhere?
- Jenny:** But I spent more time with Rob Walker. He's one of the writers on the London magazine.
- Rob:** Double espresso. Oh wow!
- Jenny:** We had coffees together. We went sightseeing.
- Jenny:** Let's go inside the Tate Modern now.
- Jenny:** I even helped Rob buy a shirt. He was fun to be with. I liked him a lot. I think he liked me too.
- Jenny:** Rob isn't the most punctual person in the world, but he is a great writer.
- Jenny:** We invited him to work for the New York magazine for a month, and he agreed.
- Rob:** See you in New York.
- Jenny:** So now Rob's coming to New York. I know he's really excited about it. It's going to be great to see him again.
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- Rob:** Hello? Reception? Hello this is Rob in Room 613.
- Man:** How can I help you?
- Rob:** There's a problem with the air conditioning. It isn't working, and it's very hot in my room.
- Man:** I'm sorry sir. I'll send somebody up to look at it right now.
- Rob:** Thank you.
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- Man:** Good evening. Reception.
- Rob:** Hello. I'm sorry to bother you again. This is Room 613.
- Man:** How can I help you?
- Rob:** I have a problem with the wi-fi. I can't get a signal.
- Man:** I'm sorry, sir. I'll put you through to IT.
- Rob:** Thank you.

Answers

Part 2 — Comprehension

1. Jenny works for a magazine called **New York 24-7**.
2. Jennifer went to London **a few months ago**.
3. Jenny spent her birthday with **Daniel**.
4. Jenny and Rob **went shopping** and **drank coffee** together.
5. Jenny **really likes** Rob.
6. Rob **isn't** very punctual.
7. Rob is going to stay in New York for **a month**.
8. Rob arrived in New York **today**.
9. Rob is staying in Room **613**.
10. Rob has problems with **the air conditioner** and **the wi-fi**.

Part 4 — Grammar Check

1. live and work
2. visited / met / had
3. spent / is
4. had / went / helped
5. liked / think / liked
6. invited / agreed
7. is coming / know / is going to be
8. isn't working
9. 'll send
10. have
11. 'll put

Part 5 — Sentence Building () = optional, [] = necessary

1. Jenny is the assistant editor of a magazine (that is) called New York 24-7.
2. A few months ago, she visited London.
3. While she was in London, Jenny spent a lot of time with Rob.
4. They drank coffee, went shopping(,) and went sightseeing together.
5. Even though Rob [is/was] often late, Jenny really [likes/liked] him.
6. Jenny invited Rob to work in New York for a month.
7. Rob is really excited about his trip to New York.
8. When Rob arrives, he has problems with the air conditioner and (the) wi-fi.
9. The receptionist offers to put Rob through to the IT department.