

Englishman in New York

Pre listening

Work in pairs, choose the best alternative for the questions below.

1. Which rock group did Sting use to play with?

- a) The Police b) Queen c) UB40

2. Which instrument did he play in the group?

- a) lead guitar b) bass guitar c) drums

3. What was his job before he became a musician?

- a) teacher b) pilot c) construction worker

4. What is his real name?

- a) Andy Summers b) Stuart Copeland c) Gordon Summer

5. Which animal does his nickname “Sting” come from?

- (a) bee (b) bird c) bull

6. Which English city does he come from?

- (a) London (b) Bristol (c) Newcastle

7. Which Sting song is the basis for Puff Daddy’s huge hit *I’ll be missing you*?

- (a) Roxanne (b) Every breath you take (c) Message in a bottle

8. How many children does he have?

- (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 3

Listening

PART A

Listen to the song and complete the notes

- 1 He drinks
- 2 He always carries
- 3 If people treat him with ignorance, he
- 4 He thinks it’s important to be
- 5 Because he’s a gentleman, he never

PART B

I don't drink coffee I take tea my dear
I like my (1) done on one side
And you can hear it in my (2) when I talk
I'm an Englishman in New York

See me walking down (3)
A walking cane here at my side
I take it (4) I walk
I'm an Englishman in New York

Whoa, I'm an alien

I'm a legal alien

I'm an Englishman in New York

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If "manners maketh man" as someone said
Then he's the (5) of the day
It takes a man to suffer ignorance and smile
Be yourself no (6) what they say

(repeat chorus)

Modesty, propriety can lead to notoriety
You could end up as the (7)
Gentleness, sobriety are rare in this society
At night a (8) 's brighter than the sun

Takes more than combat gear to make a man
Takes more than (9) for a gun
Confront your enemies, (10) them
when you can
A gentleman will walk, but never run

PART C – Vocabulary understanding

Find words or expressions from the song with the same meaning.

- 1 a foreigner
- 2 the opposite of pride
- 3 correct behavior in public
- 4 fame for doing something wrong
- 5 seriousness
- 6 a soldier's uniform

PART D – DISCUSSION

1 What examples of good manners can you find in the song?

2 What do you think Sting especially admire about this person?

3 Do you know anybody who lives life differently from the people around you?

4 Do you know any good or bad manners about the following topics:

- at the table
- the way you dress
- at a party
- religious rituals (wedding ceremonies / phuneral)