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Day One
Coolest City on the Planet
Part 1: Silent read

→ What makes Brooklyn special? Read silently.

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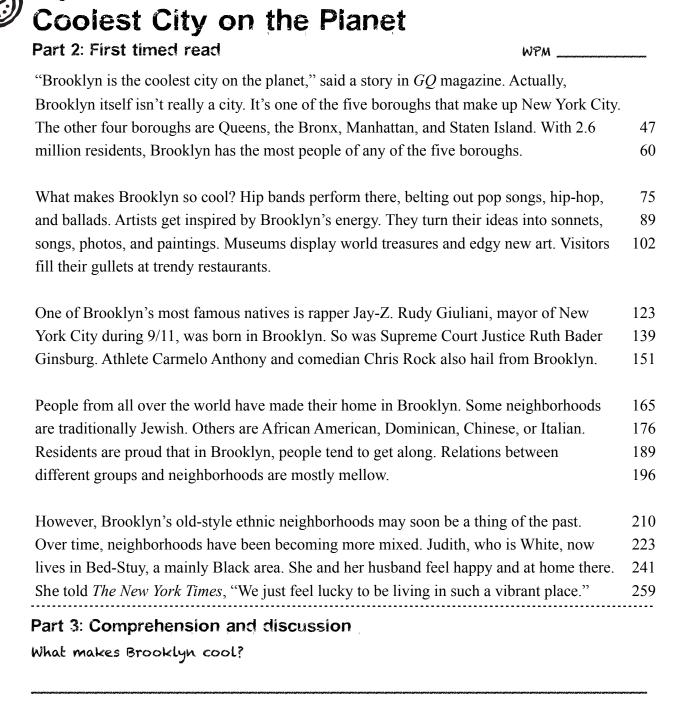
People from all over the world have made their home in Brooklyn. Some neighborhoods are traditionally Jewish. Others are African American, Dominican, Chinese, or Italian. Residents are proud that in Brooklyn, people tend to get along. Relations between different groups and neighborhoods are mostly mellow.

However, Brooklyn's old-style ethnic neighborhoods may soon be a thing of the past. Over time, neighborhoods have been becoming more mixed. Judith, who is White, now lives in Bed-Stuy, a mainly Black area. She and her husband feel happy and at home there. She told *The New York Times*, "We just feel lucky to be living in such a vibrant place."

Sources: "Brooklyn is the coolest city on the planet," *GQ*, November 2011.

"'Striking change in Bedford-Stuyvesant as population soars," *The New York Times*, August 4, 2011.

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Part 2: First timed read WPM _____

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What makes Brooklyn cool?

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What famous people were born in Brooklyn?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

➔ Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.

➔ Pause at each / mark for a phrase.

➔ Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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☐ I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.

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