

Reading Comprehension

When they arrived in the United States, people from one part of the world often settled together in a neighborhood or community. This made sense, since not everyone speaks English. German immigrants, for example, often lived in communities with other German-speaking people.

One of the oldest immigrant neighborhoods in New York City is called Little Italy. Many Italian immigrants settled there when they came to New York City in the early 1900s. A few blocks south of Little Italy is Chinatown. Many Chinese immigrants settled there. Immigrants continue to come to New York City and many other cities in our country today.

Fill in the circle before the correct answer.

1. Why did New York City grow so much in the 1900s?
 Ⓐ geography Ⓒ disease
 Ⓑ birth rates rose Ⓓ immigrants
2. What is one of the oldest immigrant neighborhoods in New York City?
 Ⓐ Little Italy Ⓒ Chinatown
 Ⓑ Little Germany Ⓓ Japantown
3. What do you think made life difficult for immigrants in the United States?

Answer Key
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1. D

2. A

3. language barriers, culture change, adapting to
a new environment