

# CENTRAL PARK

Most major cities around the world have a park where people of all ages rest in the shade of trees or feed the little animals. Other people go there to walk or sit on the benches and read the newspaper or a book.



Parks are often named after important and influential people like writers, politicians, scientists, singers, or poets.



In some parks, there are playgrounds where children can have fun on different things such as slides and swings. If the park is big, there might be soccer or basketball courts where you can practice these sports.

Other parks may have a specific area for an urban garden to plant vegetables or fruits. These are planned by using a calendar to decide the best time to begin planting. Volunteers help to plant, water, and harvest the crops.

The park usually has water fountains scattered around to get refreshed when it's hot or just for decoration. These fountains usually operate with recycled water, so that the environmental impact is less.





Many large parks even have lakes where you can walk. These lakes often have ducks or swans swimming in them that children love to give them breadcrumbs to eat. If the park is smaller fishing is usually not allowed. Other animals that live in the park are squirrels, butterflies, and pigeons.

The landscapers are responsible for taking care of Central Park. They work hard to water, plant, clear leaves that have fallen, and keep the grass mowed in the park. Their job is very important to keep the park looking nice and clean.

Occasionally, some parks have special days where citizens are invited to plant a tree or help with keeping the park clean. All the work done is voluntary and many times families are seen with their children helping to preserve the park.



Name \_\_\_\_\_



## Central Park

Design your ideal park and describe it in the following table:

Park Name	
Size:	
Plants you can see:	
Animals you can find	
What people do there:	
Number of gardeners working:	
Are there any fountains? Yes/No. How many?	
Are there any special days there? What are they?	

Draw the park you designed above.

2. Write the rules that should be followed in your park. Example:  
Opens at 8:00 and closes at \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. If you had a choice, would you rather be a landscaper or a garden volunteer? Why? Write your ideas.

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4. Who are parks named after?

- a. Scientists
- b. Singers
- c. Politicians
- d. All of the above are correct.

5. Why do people like to go to parks?

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