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**Top 30 things**

**that make you a New Yorker**

 1. You say “the city” and expect everyone to know that this means Manhattan.

 2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.

 3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park but can’t find Wisconsin on an map.

 4. The subway should never be called anything prissy, like the Metro.

 5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.

 6. Your door has more than three locks.

 7. The most frequently used part of your car is the horn.

 8. You’re living in the 2nd floor, you’re in a hurry and you are waiting 5 minutes until the elevator arrives.

 9. You know mountains and hills only from calendar images and you are driving a van with big tyres.

 10. You think Central Park is “nature”.

 11. You see nothing odd about the speed of an auctioneer’s speaking.

 12. You’re paying $1,200 for a studio the size of a walk-in closet an you think it’s a “steal”.

 13. You pay more each month to park your car than most people in the U.S. pay in rent.

 14. You haven’t seen more than twelve stars in the night sky.

 15. You go to dinner at 9 and head out to the clubs when most Americans are heading to bed.

 16. Your closet is filled with black clothes.

 17. You haven’t heard the sound of true absolute silence since 1977, and when you did, it terrified you.

 18. You pay $5 without blinking for a beer that cost in the bar 28 cents.

 19. You take fashion seriously.

 20. You have 27 different menus next to your telephone.

 21. America west of the Hudson is still theoretical to you.

 22. You’ve gotten jaywalking down to an art form.

 23. You’re suspicious of strangers who are actually nice to you.

 24. You haven’t cooked a meal since helping mom last Thanksgiving.

 25. You take a taxi to get to your health club to exercise.

 26. Your idea of personal space is no one actually standing on your toes.

 27. You have a minimum of five “worst cab ride ever” stories.

 28. You’ve mentally blocked out all thoughts of the city’s air quality and what it’s doing to your lungs.

 29. You live in a buliding with a larger population than most American towns.

 30. Your doorman is Russian, your grocer is Korean, your deli man is Israeli, your building super is Italian, your laundry guy ist Chinese, your favorite bartender is Irish, your favorite dinner owner is Greek, the watch seller on your corner is Senegalese, your last cabbie was Pakistani, your newstand guy is Indian and your favourite falafel guy is Egyptian.

**Anm.:** 8. AE: elevator, BE: lift

 11. NYer sprechen sehr schnell

 14. Zu viele Leuchtreklamen

 17. Stromausfall 1977 in ganz NY

 20. Essen bestellen per Telefon

 27. Taxifahrer haben nicht das beste Image