

# Times Square

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Times Square is an open space where people can get together. It was named after **The New York Times** and is located in the borough of Manhattan, New York City, USA, along Broadway and Seventh Avenue, from 42nd to 47th Streets.

**The New York Times** publisher Adolph S. Ochs moved the paper's operations to a new tower on 42nd Street in the middle of the area. Ochs **persuaded Mayor** George B. McClellan, Jr. to build a subway station there and rename it Times Square. On April 8, 1904, it was renamed.

The **Times** moved out of the tower in 1913, though it **remains** in the neighborhood. Later known as the Allied Chemical Building and now known as One Times Square, the tower is the site of the annual New Year's Eve ball drop. On December 31, 1907, a ball was first dropped at Times Square to celebrate New Year's Day, and the Square has held the main New Year's celebration in New York City since. On this night hundreds of thousands of people get together to watch the Waterford crystal ball being lowered on a pole on the top of the building, marking the new year. On average, **approximately** 750,000 visitors crowd Times Square for the New Year's Eve celebrations. However, for the millennium celebration on December 31, 1999, published reports stated approximately 2 million people overflowed Times Square, making it the largest **gathering** in Times Square since August 1945 during celebrations marking the end of World War II.

## I. Comprehension Check: (5)

1. What was Times Square named after?
 

(A) A title of a magazine.	(B) A name of a great man.
(C) A name of a station.	(D) A name of a building.
2. What kind of the place is the Times Square?
 

(A) A garden.	(B) An open space.	(C) A building.	(D) A station.
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3. What is the well-known activity at Times Square?
 

(A) Gifts sharing on Christmas.	(B) Trick or treat on Halloween.
(C) Welcome for the New Year.	(D) Remembrance of World War II.

4. What does “gathering” mean?

- (A) A group of persons together in one place.
- (B) An important thing to do.
- (C) A holiday to celebrate.
- (D) An official of the government (政府).

5. Which of the following is true?

- (A) Times Square was named by Adolph S. Ochs during his mayorship.
- (B) Times Square was called by the people after World War II.
- (C) Times Square has been famous for the New Year’s Eve celebration.
- (D) Times Square is always crowded with 2 million people on New Year’s Eve.

Answers: A B C A C

**II Words for Learning: (10)**

publish (vt) -- published	發表	p. 178 (on the page of the dictionary)
Her first novel was published. (the sentence cited from the dictionary)		

1. persuade (vt)		p.
2. mayor (n)		p.
3. remain (vt)		p.
4. approximately (adv)		p.
5. gathering (n)		p.

**III. Summary or Reflection (Optional, 5)**