

# I'm from South Africa and spent 2 weeks working in New York. Here are 5 things I found bizarre about day-to-day life.



*Me on the High Line in Manhattan. James de Villiers/Insider*

I am a journalist from South Africa who **worked** in New York City for two weeks in December.

Visiting the city has been a lifelong dream. I **imagined** commuting on the subway to work, grabbing my morning Starbucks, and running in Central Park. I **dreamed** about being a part of the rush in the city that never sleeps.

However, after two weeks in New York City, I **started** noticing weird plants on sidewalks and strange behaviors of the city's inhabitants.

Here are 5 things I **found** strange about working and living in New York City.

- The first thing I **noticed** when I **arrived** in New York **was** the massive food portions.



That's a big pizza. The pizzas are too big!

One pizza slice **was** the size of half an entire pizza pie in South Africa. From oversized chips portions with burgers to the suffocating pizza slices and ginormous Frappuccinos, everything **was** huge.

- People wash their dishes by keeping the tap running.



In South Africa, where large parts of the country are facing droughts, we plug the sinks and fill it with water to wash dishes.

- People drink iced coffee while it is snowing.



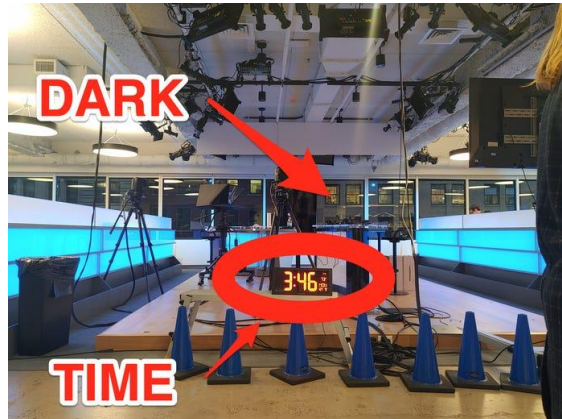
On my first day in the city, I **laughed** at the barista when he **asked** me if I **wanted** an iced Americano while it **was** snowing outside.

- New Yorkers think cabbage plants are appropriate decorations.



Every single sidewalk or piece of open land **was**, for some reason, covered in cabbage plants. They **were** just everywhere!

- And finally, the sun sets at 4 p.m.



If the iced coffees in the ice-cold temperatures **weren't** enough to make me miss sunny Cape Town, leaving the office in what **felt** like midnight **convinced** me that I am lucky to be South African.

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### REFLEXION SUR LA LANGUE

1. Observons ensemble les verbes en rouge:

**worked – imagined – dreamed – started – found – noticed – arrived – was – laughed – asked – wanted – were – weren't – felt – convinced**

2. Peux-tu reconnaître la base verbale des verbes dont il s'agit et les traduire en français?

**worked** : base verbale (infinitif) = work = travailler

**imagined** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**dreamed** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**started** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**was** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**arrived** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**asked** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**wanted** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**found** : base verbale = ..... = .....

**convinced** : base verbale = ..... = .....

3. Que remarques-tu sur la formation de la majorité de ces verbes?

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4. Il s'agit de verbes conjugués au prétérit, qui est utilisé pour parler du passé. Pour conjuguer la majorité des verbes au prétérit, on utilise ..... et on rajoute .....