READING: Sydney, Australia

Vocabulary Preview

● *Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.*

1. attract   *E*   **A.** more than one country

2. bat   ___   **B.** the kind of weather some place usually has

3. climate   ___   **C.** maybe; possibly; not sure

4. international   ___   **D.** the number of people who live in a place

5. modern   ___   **E.** to make people (or animals) want to come to a place

6. museum   ___   **F.** a place that shows interesting things to people

7. perhaps   ___   **G.** a flying animal with a hairy body

8. population   ___   **H.** using new (not traditional) ways and technology

● *Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense if necessary.*

1. ___*Perhaps*___ I will watch TV tonight. I'm not sure.

2. What is the _____ of Canada? How many people live there?

3. I live in a new, _____ home, not an old, traditional home.

4. Some animals, like _____, only come out at night.

5. Flowers _____ insects such as bees.

6. I like the _____ in Mexico. It's warm and sunny.

7. The flight from Germany to France is an _____ flight.

8. Last week, I saw dinosaur bones at a _____.

● *Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.*

1. _____

2. _____

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Sydney, Australia

Hi, my name is Noel, and I'd like to tell you a little bit about the city where I live – Sydney. Sydney, as you probably already know, is located in Australia, a country with a population of 23 million people. Many people think that Sydney is the capital city of Australia. Actually, it isn't – the capital is Canberra. However, it's the largest city, and it's perhaps the most well-known Australian city in other countries of the world. There are about 4.6 million people who live in Sydney. I love Sydney because it's a very modern, international city, with people from all over the world. There are also many interesting places to visit, like the *Sydney Opera House* and the *Royal Botanic Gardens* where you can see thousands of large bats called 'flying foxes'. In addition, there are many wonderful museums and fantastic art galleries where you can see the works of famous artists. If you want to play or watch sports, you can enjoy the *Sydney Cricket Ground* or the *Sydney Football* Stadium. With a great climate (not too hot, and not too cold), and a beautiful view of the *Tasman Sea*, it's not surprising that this city always welcomes about 2 to 3 million international visitors each year. Now you know a little about my city! So tell me, what's your city like?

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Grammar Practice
Sydney, Australia

- ***Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.***

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Sydney, as you probably already know, is **(1)**_____ in Australia, a country with a population of
23 million people. Many people think that Sydney **(2)**_____ the capital city of Australia.
Actually, it isn't – the capital is Canberra. **(3)**_____ it's the largest city, and it's perhaps the
most well-known Australian city in other countries of the world. **(4)**_____ about 4.6 million
people who live in Sydney. I love Sydney **(5)**_____ it's a very modern, international city, with
people from all over the world. There are also **(6)**_____ interesting places to visit, like the
Sydney Opera House and the *Royal Botanic Gardens* **(7)**_____ you can see thousands of
large bats called 'flying foxes'. **(8)**_____, there are many wonderful museums and fantastic art
galleries where you can **(9)**_____ the works of famous artists. If you want **(10)**_____ or
watch sports, you can enjoy the *Sydney Cricket Ground* or the *Sydney Football* Stadium. With a
great climate (not too hot, and not too cold), and a beautiful view of the *Tasman Sea*, it's
(11)_____ surprising that this city continues to attract about 2 to 3 million international tourists
each year. Now you know a little about my city! So tell me, what's your city **(12)**_____?

1.
(A) locating
(B) located
(C) locates

2.
(A) is
(B) are
(C) have

3.
(A) However
(B) So
(C) Because

4.
(A) There
(B) There are
(C) There is

5.
(A) so
(B) but
(C) because

6.
(A) much
(B) any
(C) many

7.
(A) what
(B) who
(C) where

8.
(A) In addition
(B) Addition
(C) Additions

9.
(A) sees
(B) saw
(C) see

10.
(A) play
(B) to play
(C) playing

11.
(A) no
(B) not
(C) don't

12.
(A) like
(B) likes
(C) is like

READING: Sydney, Australia

How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ The article is about Australia.

2. _____ Twenty-three million people live in Sydney.

3. _____ Sydney is not the capital city of Australia.

4. _____ Noel doesn't like Sydney because there are too many bats.

5. _____ There are museums, art galleries, and places to play sports in Sydney.

6. _____ Millions of people visit Sydney every year.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. How is Sydney similar to – or different from – your city?

2. What's the population of your city? Is it the capital city of your country?

3. Describe your town or city. What's it like?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

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Lesson	"Sydney, Australia"
Grammar Focus	Mixed (includes adverbs, comparatives, and superlatives)
Vocabulary	226 words **A1** words-74% / **A2** words-11% / **B1** words-3% / **B2** words-1% **AWL** Words in this text: *located* Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com
Level	Elementary to Pre-Intermediate (CEFR A2)

ANSWER KEY Page 1

My Notes

- **Vocabulary**

1. E	**1.** Perhaps
2. G	**2.** population
3. B	**3.** modern
4. A	**4.** bat**s**
5. H	**5.** attract
6. F	**6.** climate
7. C	**7.** international
8. D	**8.** museum

ANSWER KEY Page 3

- **Grammar**

1. B	**7.** C
2. A	**8.** A
3. A	**9.** C
4. B	**10.** B
5. C	**11.** B
6. C	**12.** A

ANSWER KEY Page 4

- **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F *(The article is about Sydney.)*

2. F *(The population is about 4.6 million.)*

3. T

4. F *(Noel Says he loves Sydney.)*

5. T

6. T

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