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Question: *What do you already know about Sydney, Australia?*



- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.



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 (1) _____ of 23 million people. Sydney isn't the (2) _____ city of Australia (that's Canberra), but it's the largest city, and it's perhaps the most (3) _____ 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, (4) _____ city, with people from all over the world. There are also many interesting places to (5) _____, 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 (6) _____s 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* (7) _____. With a great (8) _____ (not too hot, and not too cold), and a beautiful (9) _____ of the *Tasman Sea*, it's not surprising that this city continues to attract about 2 to 3 million international (10) _____s each year. Now you know a little about my city! So tell me, what's your city like?

- A art gallery *n.*
- C capital *n.*
- climate *n.*
- I international *adj.*
- P population *n.*
- S stadium *n.*
- T tourist *n.*
- V view *n.*
- visit *n.*
- W well-known *adj.*

(about 215 words)

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Vocabulary Practice

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|------------------|----------|---|
| 1. attract | <u>D</u> | A. with people from many different countries |
| 2. bat | _____ | B. known by many people |
| 3. famous | _____ | C. maybe |
| 4. international | _____ | D. to cause people to go to a certain place |
| 5. modern | _____ | E. the number of people who live in a certain place |
| 6. museum | _____ | F. a building that shows interesting things to people |
| 7. perhaps | _____ | G. an animal with wings and a hairy body like a mouse |
| 8. population | _____ | H. using new, not traditional, methods and technology |

How Much Do You Understand?

- Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.

1. F The paragraph 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 watch sports in Sydney.
6. _____ Millions of people visit Sydney every year.

Discuss

- Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Is it important for you to live near the ocean? Why? / Why not?
2. Which do you like best: museums, art galleries, or sports stadiums? Why?
3. What's the population of your city? Is it the capital city of your country?
4. Describe your town or city. What's it like?

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Grammar-in-Context

- Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.

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 (1)_____ in Australia, a country with a population of 23 million people. Sydney (2)_____ the capital city of Australia (that's 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
(D) locate

5.

- (A) so
(B) because
(C) with
(D) but

9.

- (A) seeing
(B) saw
(C) be see
(D) see

2.

- (A) not
(B) don't
(C) no
(D) isn't

6.

- (A) many
(B) any
(C) much
(D) this

10.

- (A) play
(B) playing
(C) to play
(D) to playing

3.

- (A) but
(B) so
(C) because
(D) where

7.

- (A) what
(B) who
(C) where
(D) why

11.

- (A) no
(B) not
(C) don't
(D) doesn't

4.

- (A) There are
(B) There
(C) There is
(D) There have

8.

- (A) In addition
(B) Addition
(C) Additions
(D) In additions

12.

- (A) like
(B) likes
(C) is like
(D) is likes

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Writing Practice

- Listen to your teacher and complete the paragraph.

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 _____ already know, is _____ in Australia, a _____ with a _____ of 23 million people. Sydney _____ the _____ of Australia (that's Canberra), _____ it's the _____ city, and it's _____ the most _____ Australian city in other countries of the world. _____ about 4.6 million _____ in Sydney. I love Sydney _____ it's a very _____, _____ city, with people from all over the world. _____ also _____ places to _____, like the *Sydney Opera House* and the *Royal Botanic Gardens* _____ you can see _____ of large bats called 'flying foxes'. _____, there are many _____ museums and _____ art galleries _____ you can _____ the works of _____ artists. If you want _____ or watch _____, you can _____ the *Sydney Cricket Ground* or the *Sydney Football Stadium*. With a _____ (not too hot, _____ not too cold), and a _____ of the *Tasman Sea*, it's _____ surprising _____ this _____ continues to _____ about 2 to 3 million _____ each year. Now you _____ my city! So tell me, _____ your city _____?

Make Your Own City

- You and your classmates are city planners and you are going to make a new city. Use a pencil and decide where to put the parks, schools, downtown area, etc.


1. City name: _____ 3. Population: _____
 2. Location: _____ 4. Climate: _____

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; border: 1px solid black;"> <p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;">ocean</p> </div>	
16	17	18			
19	20	21			
22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31	32

river

Places Around Town

1 downtown area	7 squares
1 university	2 squares
1 large park	2 squares
1 hospital	1 square
1 industrial area	3 squares
1 sports stadium	1 square
2 schools	2 squares
2 residential areas	10 squares
4 small parks	4 squares
	32 squares



Language Focus Present Simple Tense / 'There is' and 'There are'

Level Intermediate

Time Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

ANSWER KEY:

● **Complete the Paragraph**

1. population
2. capital
3. well-known
4. international
5. visit
6. art galleries
7. stadium
8. climate
9. view
10. tourists

● **Vocabulary Practice**

1. D
2. G
3. B
4. A
5. H
6. F
7. C
8. E

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (The paragraph is about Sydney.)
2. F (about 4.6 million people)
3. T
4. F (He loves Sydney)
5. T
6. T

● **Grammar-in-Context**

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

● **Homework Idea**

Write a short descriptive paragraph about your town or city (see attached handout). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

EXPLORE on-line:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sydney>

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/travel/city-guides/sydney-australia/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTthD9oecSk>