Unit 6: Exercise 5

Listen to a student talking about Helsinki. Complete the information with a word or a number.



1 Helsinki is the _____ city in Finland.

2 The city's most important industries are technology and _____.

3 Helsinki airport has almost _____ million passengers a year.

4 The Kiasma Museum is a modern _____ centre.

5 Some of Europe's _____ buildings are in Helsinki.

6 Finland has _____ lakes than any other country in Europe.

7 Helsinki is an _____ city for young people.

8 Visitors enjoy the culture, the friendly people and the great _____!

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Recording Script

Helsinki is my hometown, and it's the largest city in Finland and the capital. Over half a million people live here. Helsinki is an important business centre; it has a lot of big technology and design companies, like Nokia. Nokia's main company offices are here and in 2012 the city was the World Design Capital. Many business visitors come to Helsinki for international meetings at the Finlandia Hall, which is between the sea and the city centre.

My city is also an important transport centre. Helsinki airport has almost twenty million passengers a year and was the best airport in the north of Europe in 2013. We also have a large port, where ships sail to and from other important cities in this part of Europe.

The city is an important cultural centre and we have nearly one hundred museums. One of the biggest and most interesting is the Kiasma Museum, a modern art centre, in the centre of the city, opposite another famous museum, the Art Kaarisilta. Helsinki also has excellent theatres and some of the oldest buildings in Europe. It's also right next to the beautiful Finnish countryside – Finland has more lakes than any other country in Europe – and so the city is popular with tourists.

I'm a student here in Helsinki, and there are lots of other students here too. Helsinki has more students than any other city in Finland, and two of the country's best universities. There are students from all over Finland, and from many other countries as well, so it's an exciting city for young people; the nightlife is great and there are lots of shops as well.

I like my hometown. Helsinki is smaller than other European capitals, but it's really interesting and visitors from all over the world are always welcome. And they always enjoy the culture, the friendly people and the great restaurants!

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