

Read the following text. Then answer the questions below in note form, using one to four words at the most.

SAN FRANCISCO, California, is one of the world's most interesting cities. Its clanging cable cars, fascinating Chinatown, and many hills give the city a special charm. It attracts about 3 million tourists yearly.

With more than 700,000 people, San Francisco is one of the largest cities on the Pacific Coast of the United States. San Francisco is built on and around more than 40 hills. Some of the steepest streets in the world lie in San Francisco's downtown area on Nob Hill and Russian Hill. These hills rise as much as 115 meters, and the cable cars and other vehicles seem almost to stand on end as they climb or descend the slopes.

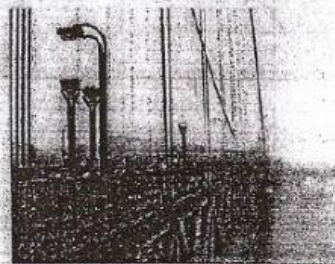
San Francisco lies on the northern tip of a peninsula. San Francisco includes several islands in the Pacific Ocean and in San Francisco Bay. Alcatraz, the most famous island, lies in the bay. It was the site of a famous federal prison for dangerous criminals from 1934 to 1963. Today, the prison is a tourist attraction.

Sparkling blue water nearly surrounds San Francisco and gives the city a magnificent setting. On the north, a strait 1.6 kilometers wide connects the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay. This strait is named the Golden Gate, and San Francisco is often called the City by the Golden Gate.

Two spectacular bridges link San Francisco to other parts of the Bay Area. The 13.3-kilometer San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge crosses the bay. The Golden Gate Bridge connects the city and its northern suburbs. Its main section stretches 1,280 meters and is one of the world's longest spans. The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened in 1936, and the Golden Gate Bridge in 1937.

San Francisco has a rich history. Spanish settlers founded it in 1776. Gold was discovered east of San Francisco in 1848. Hundreds of ships, jammed with thousands of gold seekers, streamed into San Francisco's harbor.

Its population jumped from about 800 in 1848 to about 25,000 in 1849. Then, in 1906, a terrible earthquake and fire destroyed most of San Francisco. But the residents soon rebuilt their city.



Words

clanging cable cars = zvenketajoči/cingljajoči tramvaji
Chinatown = del mesta, v katerem so kitajske trgovine in restavracije in kjer živi veliko Kitajcev
yearly = na leto, letno
steep = strm
downtown area = območje v središču mesta
tip = vrh, konica

climb and descend the slopes = dvigati in spuščati se po pobočjih/klancih/strminah
peninsula = polotok
bay = zaliv
site = prizorišče, kraj, mesto
sparkling blue water = bleščeča modra voda
surround = obkrožati, obdajati
magnificent setting = veličastno ozadje/okolje
strait = ožina
spectacular = slikovit, veličasten

link = povezati, povezovati
suburbs = predmestje, bližnja mestna okolica
stretch = raztezati se, razpenjati se
span = razpon
found = osnovati, ustanoviti
jammed with = natlačen/natrpan z
gold seekers = iskalci zlata
stream = valiti se, teči
residents = prebivalci
rebuild = vnovič zgraditi

1. How many tourists visit San Francisco every year?
2. On and around how many hills is San Francisco built?
3. What are these hills like?
4. Which means of transport is San Francisco famous for?
5. Where does San Francisco lie?
6. Which is the most famous island in San Francisco Bay?
7. What is the Golden Gate?
8. What is San Francisco often called?
9. How many bridges link San Francisco to other parts of the Bay Area?
10. How did the gold rush of 1849 affect San Francisco?
11. What disaster struck San Francisco in 1906?