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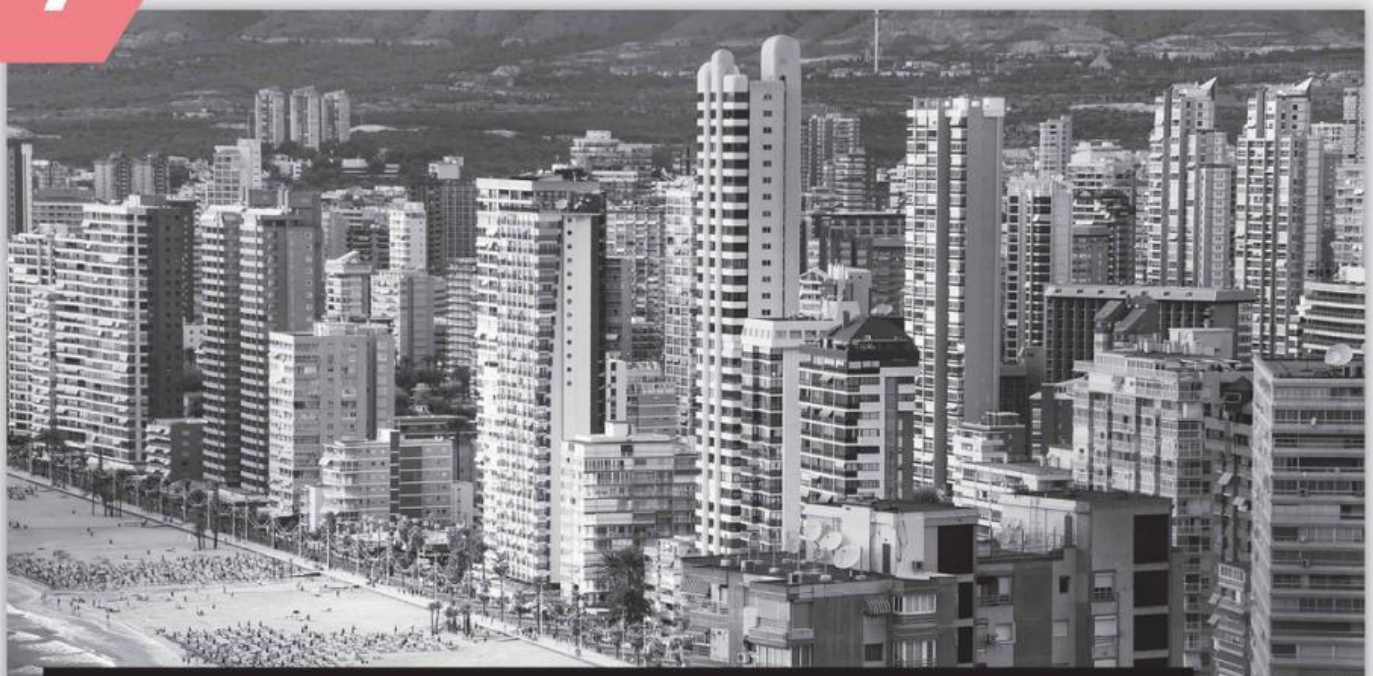

MY HOME TOWN – NOW AND THEN

My family is from a small island in the Mediterranean Sea. We live in a town in the east of the island. It's a big town – 50,000 people live here. Lots of people come here on holiday every year and in July and August it is very busy. There are lots of big hotels and high buildings. There are lots of cars and taxis. It is very hot in July and August – there's never a cloud in the sky! You can swim in the sea and walk in the mountains.

In 1930, when my grandmother was young, the town was very different – there were only 10,000 people here. Now you can fly here, but in 1930 there weren't any planes to the island. There were only slow boats. There were two boats every week. There weren't a lot of buildings and there were fields and trees around the town. There were no hotels and there was only one restaurant. There weren't lots of cars and taxis on the roads. In 1930, this was a quiet town and there were only Spanish people here. Now there are lots of people from different countries.

Reading

1 Read the article. Where is the town?

The town is _____.

2 Read the article again. Answer the questions.

1 How many people live in the town now?
_50,000_

2 When is it hot there?
_____

3 What can you do there?
_____

4 How many people were there in 1930?
_____

5 How many boats to the island were there in 1930?
_____

6 How many restaurants were there in 1930?
_____

3 Choose the correct alternatives.

1 The town is in the *east* / *west* of the island.
2 In July and August, the town is very *busy* / *quiet*.
3 There are lots of cars and *taxis* / *buses* there now.
4 There *are* / *aren't any* high buildings there now.
5 There *were* / *weren't* fast boats there in 1930.
6 In 1930, there were fields and *flowers* / *trees* around the town.
7 There *were* / *weren't* lots of hotels in 1930.
8 Now there are lots of people from *Spain* / *different countries* in the town.

4 Look at these adjectives. Write the opposite adjectives. Look at the article to help you.

1 fast _slow_
2 cold _____
3 old _____
4 low _____
5 quiet _____
6 small _____

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