

My Trip to Vancouver

A series of exercises covering what we've done so far

Vancouver is a coastal seaport city in Canada, located in the province of British Columbia.

As the most populous city in the province, the 2016 census recorded 631,486 people in the city. The Greater Vancouver area (Metropolitan Vancouver) had 2,463,431, making it the third largest metropolitan area in Canada. Vancouver is the most expensive city in Canada!

Vancouver is one of the most diverse cities in Canada; 52% of its residents have a first language other than English. Vancouver is the hub for newcomers to Canada, especially those from Asia. There are very large Chinese populations in Metropolitan Vancouver, so much so that many signs have English, French, and Chinese writing!

Port Metro Vancouver is the busiest and largest port in Canada, and the most diversified port in North America. While forestry remains its largest industry, Vancouver is well known as a city surrounded by nature, making tourism its second-largest industry. Major film production studios in Vancouver and Burnaby have turned Greater Vancouver and nearby areas into one of the largest film production centres in North America, earning it the film industry nickname, Hollywood North.

Some popular places to visit in Vancouver include Stanley Park, Granville Island, Gastown, and Canada Place. Outside of the city, you can visit Capilano Suspension Bridge, Grouse Mountain, and many other natural beauties!

Vocabulary to learn:

- Port
- Census
- Population
- Diverse
- Forestry
- Industry
- Ethnic

Discuss these words together. Look at pictures and translations to help remember these words in preparation of the next exercise.

Exercise 1:

Fill in the blanks using the correct superlative or comparative.

- A) Vancouver is the _____ (large) city in British Columbia.
- B) Vancouver is _____ (diverse) than many places in Canada.
- C) Port Metro Vancouver is the _____ (busy) port in Canada.
- D) Vancouver is _____ (expensive) than any other city in Canada.

Exercise 2:

Match the vocabulary word to the correct definition.

	relating to a population subgroup (within a larger or dominant national or cultural group) with a common national or cultural tradition.	A) Population
	showing a great deal of variety; very different	B) Ethnic
	economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories.	C) Port
	a town or city with a harbor where ships load or unload, especially one where customs officers are stationed.	D) Forestry
	an official count or survey of a population, typically recording various details of individuals	E) Diverse
	the science or practice of planting, managing, and caring for forests.	F) Industry
	all the inhabitants of a particular town, area, or country	G) Census

Exercise 3:

Listen to the audio, and fill in the blanks using the correct word.

I am flying to Vancouver ____ May 17th. I am very excited. It will be my first time ____ Canada. Each day, I will be doing some very interesting things! ____ the first day, I want to visit Stanley Park. Stanley Park is ____ downtown Vancouver. It is the _____ park in Vancouver! ____ Stanley Park, you can find the Vancouver Aquarium. The Vancouver Aquarium is the _____ aquarium in Canada!

____ the second day, I want to visit Chinatown and Gastown. They are both part of downtown Vancouver. Gastown is the _____ part of Vancouver. This is because Gastown is where the city originally began! Just over 100 years ago, Vancouver was a two-____ collection of buildings called Granville (now known as Gastown). The small group of buildings grew ____ the busy city we see today. Chinatown also has a lot of history. With the completion of the railway in 1887, _____ workers built houses along the shore of False Creek. The community grew so big that it was once the _____ Chinatown in Canada, and the second largest in North America. The buildings ____ Chinatown look like some buildings in China, making the area look _____ than the rest of Vancouver.

Exercise 4:

Create sentences describing your schedule for a day in Vancouver. Use time prepositions as well as the prompts below to help guide you. Work together with your tutor to discuss the schedule.

9 a.m.

Half past ten

Noon

2:00

Quarter to four

6 p.m.

Eight o'clock

Visit: Chinatown, Canada Place, Victory Square, Inuit Gallery of Vancouver, and the Dominion Building in Gastown.

Lunch in Chinatown at Ho Won Restaurant.

Dinner in Gastown at La Mezcaleria.

1. I will wake up at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.