

Reading practice – Big City.

Read the text below and match the headings in the box with the paragraphs. You will use each heading just once.

Cost of living Job opportunities The weather The people Transport Entertainment

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San Francisco is one of the fastest growing cities in the USA. Today, we speak to two people who recently moved here and find out their first impressions of living in the city.

Alex, 25, is an IT professional and has just moved to San Francisco from London.



1 There are so many tech companies here; it's really exciting. I've joined a networking group to meet people from the industry and I've already been to a couple of events. Have I found a job yet? No ... but I'm sure I will soon! At least I have my visa!

Megan, 27, has moved to San Francisco from her hometown in Idaho to study Engineering.



4 San Francisco is expensive and you need a good salary to live here. I've rented a room in a shared house, but after I've paid the rent, it doesn't leave me with much money for other things.

2 In my apartment block, there are people of all nationalities, as well as from other places in the USA. I haven't met all my neighbours yet, but I love living in a city where everyone is different.

5 All my friends told me that the summers wouldn't be as good as back home. It hasn't been too cold yet, but it can get really foggy, especially when you're near the ocean.

3 Whatever you're interested in, there's always something going on. I've already been to the theatre twice and seen a baseball game, and I only arrived two weeks ago!

6 The traffic here is terrible, so forget driving! Public transport can get really crowded, too, so I've just bought myself a bike. It's one of the best ways to get around the city, and the bike lanes are great.

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