

UNIT 3, INTERMEDIATE ONE.

2 A Look at the picture. Which city is it?



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6. _____

B Read the text again and match the headings in the box with the paragraphs.

Cost of living Job opportunities The weather The people Transportation Entertainment

Big City

San Francisco is one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S. 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. He just moved to San Francisco from London.

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

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!

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

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

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.

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

6 The traffic here is terrible, so forget driving! Cable cars are fun, but public transportation can get really crowded, so I just bought myself a bike. It's one of the best ways to get around the city, and the bike lanes are great.

4 A Who said sentences 1–3: Alex or Megan?

1 Have I found a job _____?

2 It hasn't been too cold _____.

3 I've _____ been to the theater twice.

7 3.5 Complete the phone conversation between Alex and his friend Josh. Use the present perfect form of the verbs in the box and *yet* or *already*. Listen and check.

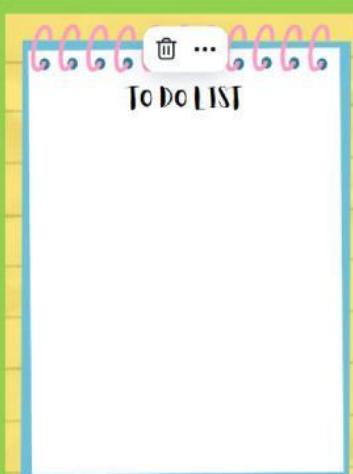
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Josh Hi Alex, this is Josh. How's it going in San Francisco?
Alex Great, thanks. I'm really enjoying it.
Josh Have you ¹ _____ any friends ² _____?
Alex Yes, I ³ _____ quite a few people. As a matter of fact, I just had lunch with two guys who work for an Internet company.
Josh Great! And ⁴ _____ you ⁵ _____ a job ⁶ _____?
Alex No, not ⁶ _____. But I ⁷ _____ on three interviews. I'm waiting to hear back from them.
Josh Well, good luck! Oh, what's Chinatown like?
Alex I ⁸ _____ it ⁹ _____. I've been too busy, but I might go this weekend.



8 A Make a list of things you have already done and things you still have to do this week.

B In pairs, ask and answer the question *Have you ... yet?* about your partner's list. Give more information in your answers.



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2 Look at the pictures in exercise 4. In pairs, use the words in the box to describe them.

traffic jam drive rush hour commuter passenger parking lot
platform take the train parking space public transportatiton

In picture a, people are driving to work, but there's a really bad traffic jam.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Commuting around the world

The global average commuting time is ¹ _____, but it is much worse in some cities.



The average travel time is ² _____.

Rush hour is between ³ _____ and 9:30 in the morning.

This city has a population of ⁴ _____ people.



Companies employ "pushers" to ⁵ _____ passengers onto trains.

They wear ⁶ _____ gloves as a sign of respect to passengers.

⁷ _____ passengers use the train system every day.



Seven million ⁸ _____ come into this city every day.

24% of people have ⁹ _____ about a parking space in the last year.

Parking lots are so ¹⁰ _____ that people can lose their cars.

2 What is her job?

4 What nationality is she?

B Read the introduction in the text and check your answers.

A TALE OF THREE CITIES

She won an Oscar for her first movie, *12 Years a Slave*, in 2013. Since then, the Kenyan actress Lupita Nyong'o has become a Hollywood superstar and appeared on red carpets and magazine covers all over the world. We look at the three cities that have shaped this talented actress.



MEXICO CITY

Lupita was born in 1983 in Mexico City, where her father was working at a university. The family returned to Kenya when she was just a few months old, but at the age of 16, Lupita went back to Mexico for a year to learn Spanish. She's spoken Spanish since 1999, and has even given TV interviews in Spanish.



NAIROBI

Lupita went to school in Nairobi, and this is where she first started acting. Her first big performance was at the age of 12 when she played Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet*. One of her happiest memories is of climbing the mango trees in her grandmother's village and eating the fruit straight from the branches!



NEW YORK

Lupita has lived in Brooklyn, New York, since 2013, and this is now her home. When she's not working, she spends her time doing yoga and cooking her favorite dishes like *enchiladas verdes*. She also loves riding the subway into Manhattan to go shopping, just like anyone else in New York! The big question is: Where next for Lupita?

2 Read the rest of the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Lupita has been very famous since 2013. _____
- 2 She has had an interest in acting for over ten years. _____
- 3 She has spoken Spanish since she was a small child in Mexico. _____
- 4 She has lived in New York for most of her life. _____

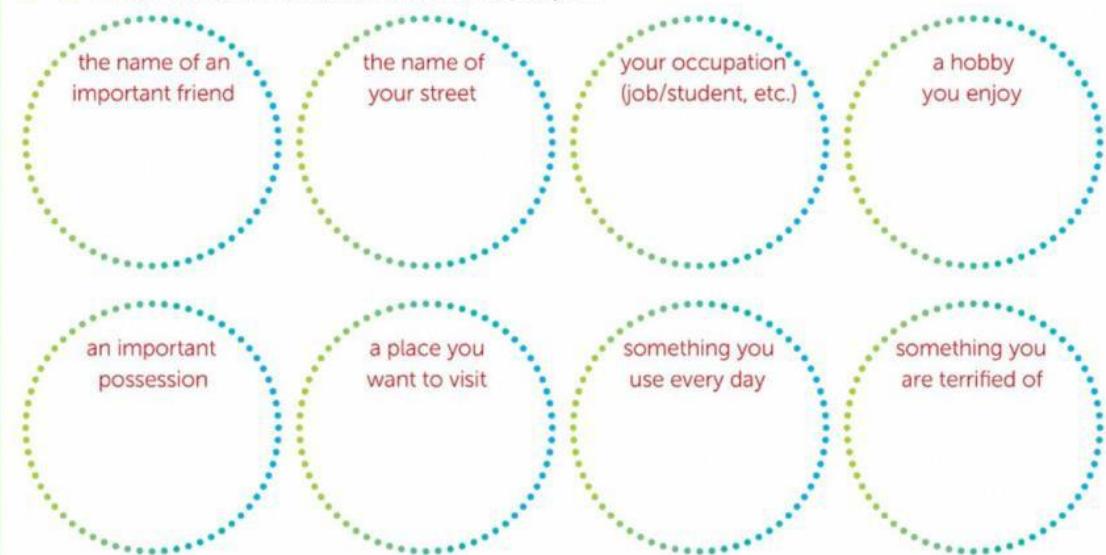
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Complete the questions with the simple past or present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

- 1 Where _____ Laura and Pete _____? (meet)
- 2 How long _____ Jess _____ in L.A.? (be)
- 3 How long _____ Jess _____ in Toronto? (live)
- 4 How long _____ Jess _____ scripts for TV and movies? (write)
- 5 What _____ she _____ before she was a writer? (do)
- 6 How long _____ Laura and Pete _____ the idea for the TV comedy series? (have)

7 A

Complete the circles with information about you.



B In pairs, ask and answer the question *How long have you ...?* with an appropriate verb and the information in the circles. Try to give more information.

A *How long have you known Martin?*

B *I've known him since we were in high school together. We were in the same class.*

A *How long have you had your phone?*

B *I've had it for six months. It was a birthday present from my brother.*

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