

MY HOME TOWN

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word.

I was born in one of (1) _____ most interesting cities in Malaysia. It has a rich, colorful history and many parts of the city have hardly changed at (2) _____ during the last five centuries. However, nowadays, it is (3) _____ longer the trade center that it once (4) _____. It is difficult to imagine that at one time its harbor (5) _____ to be visited by over 2,000 ships a week, and that the huge warehouses along the quayside would have (6) _____ full of spices and silks, jewels and tea.

The old city center is small, which (7) _____ it very easy to explore (8) _____ foot. A river neatly divides the town, (9) _____ only physically but in spirit too. On one side, you find many grand houses, but on crossing the river, you find yourself in ancient Chinatown, where you really (10) _____ a step back into the past.

It is great fun to wander through the colorful, noisy backstreets. As (11) _____ as having shops that sell a wide range of clothes and shoes, some of these streets are also famous (12) _____ high-quality antiques. Unfortunately, most of the bargains disappeared many years ago. However, (13) _____ you look around carefully, you can still come across an interesting souvenir.

