

The City of Angels

- 2 a) What was Los Angeles like 200 years ago? Listen and read to find out.

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Los Angeles (LA) is the second largest and one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the USA. It is a wonderful city with a rich past.

The area around Los Angeles was first home to Native American Indians. In the 18th century different Europeans started arriving in the area. On 4th September, 1781, 44 settlers created a town there in the name of the King of Spain. The settlers lived in small wooden houses with flat thatched roofs. They didn't have running water in their houses. They used to carry water from the rivers nearby. The streets outside were dirty and there were no pavements. The first settlers used to get around by horse. They used to farm the land around the town, hunt deer and fish salmon in the rivers nearby. At night, they used to tell stories around fires or play music and sing and dance.

Today, Los Angeles is a very different place. About ten million people live in this busy and exciting city. It has hundreds of skyscrapers and other tall buildings. It has several airports, a metro system and millions of vehicles.

Los Angeles is very important for business. It is also home to Disneyland and Hollywood and is the entertainment capital of the world.

Nightlife in Los Angeles is fantastic. There are hundreds of restaurants, cinemas and theatres to choose from. It's a great place to be!



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| 1. Native Americans first built Los Angeles. | True / False |
| 2. The first European settlers got water from a nearby river. | True / False |
| 3. They used horses to travel. | True / False |
| 4. The settlers used to go fishing off the coast. | True / False |
| 5. Los Angeles is very lively nowadays. | True / False |
| 6. They didn't hunt animals for food. | True / False |
| 7. They played music and sang and danced in the night. | True / False |
| 8. Today there are more than 10 million people in Los Angeles. | True / False |
| 9. Los Angeles is the entertainment capital of the world. | True / False |
| 10. There are the great places in nightlife. | True / False |

