

exercises

LISTENING TEST 2/16: Ahora, basándote en los comentarios del diálogo anterior, selecciona la opción más adecuada para cada pregunta. Verifica luego las respuestas correctas ...

**1. Where does Kim live?**

- In an apartment downtown.
- In an apartment in the suburbs.

2. What does she complain about?

- There is much crime.
- There is a lot of traffic.

3. What does Dan complain about?

- Nothing ever really happens where he lives.
- It is not really quiet where he lives.

4. What does Kim suggest Dan?

- To trade places one weekend.
- To move downtown.

reading**City Scenes**
Escenas Ciudadanas

Lee atentamente este artículo acerca de las características de cuatro ciudades del mundo. Completa luego el ejercicio de lecto-comprensión.

**Mexico**

Mexico's cities are modern but have traditional Indian and Spanish influences. The most important buildings are around a central square, which also serves as a place to meet with friends. There are outdoor marketplaces, where people can find almost anything they need. On Sundays, parks are a popular place for family outings. Many people move to Mexico City from rural areas. It has a lot of excitement, but also lots of traffic and air pollution.

**Japan**

Japan's cities also have a mix of traditional and modern characteristics. There are tall office and apartment buildings as well as traditional wooden houses. Many people prefer to live near the center of cities, but because houses there are expensive, they often commute from suburbs. Traffic, pollution, and crowds are typical problems. However, there is little crime, and even very crowded cities have many parks and gardens.

**Australia**

Although 80% of Australians live near cities, the cities are not as large as those in some other countries. Most people live in houses in suburbs - not in apartments. The suburbs usually have their own churches, schools, and shopping centers. They also have good recreational facilities. In large cities, like Sydney, the suburbs are often far from the center of town. Because many people commute to work, traffic is slow and there are many traffic jams.

**China**

Chinese people live in a variety of homes, from modern buildings in cities to bamboo farmhouses in the towns. Feng-shui -the study of the harmonies and alignment of buildings to ensure harmonious living- is an important consideration in their architecture. Hong Kong has an excellent transportation system which includes the subway, a tram system, safe and comfortable ferries, and even the rickshaw, a two-wheeled vehicle pulled by one person.



AQUÍ ESTOY !!! ESTE GLOSARIO BILINGÜE TE VA A AYUDAR...
 share: compartir; square: plaza; outdoor marketplaces: mercados al aire libre; outings: excursiones; as well as: así como también; wooden: de madera; commute: trasladarse para ir a trabajar; commuter: la persona que viaja para ir a trabajar; crowds: multitudes; little crime: poca delincuencia; crowded: crowded: repleto de gente; although: aunque; as large as: tan grandes como; recreational facilities: instalaciones, complejos, recreativos; traffic jam: congestión, embotellamiento de tránsito; bamboo farmhouses: granjas construidas con caña de bambú; alignment: alineación; ferries: transbordadores; rickshaw: transporte chino de dos ruedas tirado por un ser humano; two-wheeled: de dos ruedas; pull: tirar.

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Activity 21: Este es un ejercicio de LECTO-COMPRENSIÓN sobre el artículo anterior. Debes COMBINAR el comienzo de las oraciones (primera columna) con el FINAL (segunda columna). SELECCIONA del menú en rojo el NUMERO del final con el cual combina cada una de ellas. Verifica luego las respuestas correctas ...

**A** Parks are a popular place ...**1** **1** use trams and ferries.**B** Sidney suburbs ...**1** **2** Mexicans can find almost everything they need.**C** Suburban areas in Australia ...**1** **3** in Japan.**D** To travel in Hong Kong, commuters ...**1** **4** live near downtown, but houses are expensive there.**E** There is little crime ...**1** **5** live in apartments in Australia.**F** Bamboo farmhouses are ...**1** **6** for family outings in Mexico.**G** Japanese prefer to ...**1** **7** have good recreational facilities.**H** Many rural Mexicans ...**1** **8** are far from downtown.**I** In the outdoor marketplaces ...**1** **9** typical of China.**J** Not many people ...**1** **10** move to Mexico City.