

Instructions

You will hear four short conversations. Listen carefully and choose one answer to each question.
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Conversation 1

1. What is the fastest way to get to the airport?
 - a) By local bus
 - b) By taxi
 - c) The question is not answered
2. Which method of transportation is the slowest?
 - a) Taxi
 - b) Local bus
 - c) The question is not answered

Conversation 2

3. According to the man, which part of the country has the best weather?
 - a) The east coast
 - b) The west coast
 - c) The capital city
4. What does the man say about the cities on the west coast?
 - a) They are the most expensive in the country
 - b) They are the cheapest in the country
 - c) They have the worst restaurants

Conversation 3

5. How did the man describe the movie?
 - a) It was the funniest movie he'd ever seen
 - b) It was the scariest movie he'd ever seen
 - c) It was the most boring movie he'd ever seen

6. What does the man say about the theater?
- a) It was the emptiest he'd ever seen it
 - b) It was the most packed he'd ever seen it
 - c) It was quieter than usual

Conversation 4

7. Which city is described as the oldest in the country?
- a) The capital city
 - b) The biggest city
 - c) The most modern city
8. How is the capital city described now?
- a) It's the biggest city
 - b) It's the most modern place to live
 - c) It's not the biggest or the most modern

II Part Reading. **Read the information in the table about London, New York and Rome. Follow the reading while listening to the conversation.**

Maria and Tom are discussing potential summer travel plans. They compare three popular cities: London, New York, and Rome. Their conversation covers topics such as city size, population, weather, and hotel costs.

	London	New York	Rome
Average max. daily temperature: January	8°C	3°C	12°C
Average max. daily temperature: July	23°C	29°C	30°C
Population	8.5 million	8.3 million	2.7 million
Size	1,500 km ²	800 km ²	1,300 km ²
Average hotel price	\$200	\$220	\$180

Maria: I'm thinking about visiting some cities next summer. Do you have any suggestions?

Tom: Hmm, what about London, New York, or Rome? They are all amazing cities!

Maria: Oh, I'd love to visit any of them! Which one is bigger?

Tom: Well, London is bigger than Rome, but New York is almost the same size as London. However, London is the biggest in terms of population.

Maria: Interesting! And which city has the hottest weather in July?

Tom: Oh, that would be Rome. It's hotter than both London and New York. In fact, Rome has an average temperature of 30°C in July, while London only has 23°C. New York is hotter than London, though—it's 29°C.

Maria: Wow, I didn't expect that. I thought London would be warmer. What about the coldest in January?

Tom: New York is the coldest in January. It can get as low as 3°C, while London is warmer, with 8°C. Rome is the warmest in January with 12°C.

Maria: And how expensive are the hotels?

Tom: Hotels in New York are the most expensive; they cost about \$220 per night. London is a bit cheaper, around \$200, and Rome is the cheapest at \$180 per night.

Maria: Sounds like Rome is not only warmer but also cheaper! Thanks for the info!

Now that you have read and listen to the dialogue complete the following exercises:

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the correct words from the wordbank.

Word bank: warmest, bigger, population, 29°C, 220

- London is _____ than Rome in terms of size.
- New York has an average temperature of _____ in July.
- In January, Rome is the _____ city among the three.
- Hotels in New York cost about \$_____ per night.
- London has the largest _____ among the three cities.

Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

Which city has the hottest weather in July?

- a) London
- b) New York
- c) Rome
- d) They are all the same temperature

What is the average temperature in London during July?

- a) 23°C
- b) 29°C
- c) 30°C
- d) 12°C

Which city has the coldest weather in January?

- a) London
- b) New York
- c) Rome
- d) They are all the same temperature

How much do hotels in Rome cost per night on average?

- a) \$180
- b) \$200
- c) \$220
- d) \$240

Which city is described as being almost the same size as London?

- a) Rome
- b) New York
- c) Paris
- d) Tokyo

Open Ended Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

Why might Maria be interested in visiting Rome based on the information provided?

Compare and contrast the weather in London and New York during July and January.

If you were planning a trip to one of these cities, which would you choose and why?