Useful Sentence Structures

My home town, (name of a city/province), is located in/on (location, e.g. central Vietnam/the north/south of Vietnam, etc.).

My home town, Nha Trang, is located on the east coast of Vietnam.

(name of a city/province) is a beautiful place with (special features, e.g. a long shore/a lot of paddy fields/a high mountain to the north/a flowing river to the south, etc.).

Nha Trang is a beautiful place with a long shore and a lot of scenic spots.

The weather in (name of a city/province) is usually (cold/hot/warm/windy/rainy, etc. in spring/summer/autumn/winter/all the year round).

The weather in Da Lat is usually cool all the year round.

(name of a city/province) is famous for ...

Nha Trang is famous for seafoods.

Da Lat is famous for scenic spots.

(name of a city/province) is (adj)-er/more (adj) than (name of a city/province).

Da Lat is colder than Nha Trang.

Ho Chi Minh City is more crowded than Da Lat.

Oral Exercises

1. Using the suggested phrases below, make statements about home towns.

1. my home town/Hue/located/central Vietnam

2. beautiful place/many famous historical sights

3. the weather/Ha Noi/usually/quite cold/winter

4. Da Nang/famous for/handmade kites and the kite festival

5. Ho Chi Minh City/hotter/Nha Trang

6. my home town/Dong Nai/located in the south of Vietnam

7. Da Lat/beautiful place/lots of hills

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8. the weather / Da Lat / usually / most beautiful / spring

9. Ha Dong / famous for / silk

10. Ho Chi Minh City / more modern / Tien Giang province

2. Complete the following dialogue with appropriate sentences or phrases.

A: Hi there! I don't think I know you! What's your name? Where are you from?

B: .

A: Oh, I've heard of that place! But I think I might be confusing it with another place. Well, if you don't mind, could you tell me a bit about your home town?

B: Well, first of all, my home town is located in .

A: What are the people like? Is it true that they are generally quite tall?

B: No, that's not true. In fact, most people in my home town are .

A: Oh, that's not what I heard. I wonder where I got that idea! Tell me something about the weather in your home town. If I want to visit, when is the best time to come?

B: The best season for visiting is .

A: But, why isn't it that good to visit during the other seasons?

B: People do visit it during the other seasons, but .

A: Are there very many places in your home town? What kind of role did your home town play in ancient Vietnam?

B: In ancient times, my home town was famous for .

A: That's really interesting. I didn't know that before. Are there any other interesting facts about your home town?

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B: Of course! Most people don't know that my home town is _____.

A: What are the special products from your home town? Any special foods or clothes, or arts and crafts?

B: _____.

A: What do you think is the biggest difference between your home town and Ho Chi Minh City?

B: _____.

A: Hey! Thanks for all the information! I think I'll go visit your home town on my next vacation! Would you mind giving me your e-mail address so that I can keep in touch with you?

B: _____.

A: Thanks so much! I hope to see you again soon!

3. Look at the following table and think of words to compare your home town to Ho Chi Minh City. Use as many different words as you can.

	Home town	Ho Chi Minh City
Size		
Population		
Location		
Weather		
Transportation system		
People		
Places to visit		
Nightlife		

4. Use the following chart to interview a friend.

	Interviewee
Home town Where are you from? What is your home town?	
Number of years in home town How long have you lived in your home town?	

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