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It's a really nice city.

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.



Singapore



Chicago

- Prices are high in Singapore. Everything is very expensive there.
(cheap / expensive / noisy)
- Chicago has amazing skyscrapers right next to a gorgeous lake. It's a really _____ city.
(beautiful / cheap / quiet)
- My hometown is not an exciting place. The nightlife there is pretty _____.
(boring / nice / interesting)
- Some parts of our city are fairly dangerous. It's not very _____ late at night.
(hot / interesting / safe)
- The streets in this city are always full of people, cars, and buses. It's a very _____ city.
(spacious / crowded / relaxing)

2 Choose the correct questions to complete this conversation.

- ☐ What's the weather like?
☐ Is it big?
☐ Is the nightlife exciting?
☒ What's your hometown like?

A: What's your hometown like?

B: My hometown? It's a pretty nice place, and the people are very friendly.

A: _____

B: No, it's fairly small, but it's not too small.

A: _____

B: The winter is wet and really cold. It's very nice in the summer, though.

A: _____

B: No! It's really boring. There are no good restaurants or nightclubs.

3 Choose the correct conjunctions and rewrite the sentences.

Grammar note: And, but, though, and however

Use and for additional information.

It's an exciting city, **and** the weather is great.

Use but, though, and however for contrasting information.

It's very safe during the day, **but** it's pretty dangerous at night.

The summers are hot. The evenings are fairly cold, **though**.

It is a fairly large city. It's not too interesting, **however**.



Colorado



Dubai



Hong Kong

1. Colorado is beautiful in the summer. It's a great place to go hiking. (and / but)
Colorado is beautiful in the summer, and it's a great place to go hiking.
2. Dubai is a very nice place. The summers are terribly hot. (and / though)

3. Hong Kong is an exciting city. It's a fun place to sightsee. (and / however)

4. My hometown has some great restaurants. It's not a good place for shopping. (and / but)

5. Our hometown is somewhat ugly. It has some beautiful old homes. (and / however)

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Check (✓) if these sentences need *a* or *an*. Then write *a* or *an* in the correct places.

Grammar note: *A* and *an*

Use *a* or *an* with (adverb +) adjective + singular noun.

It has *a fairly new* park. It's *an old* city.

Don't use *a* or *an* with (adverb +) adjective.

It's *fairly new*. It's *old*.

1. ☒ London has ^a very famous Ferris wheel.
2. ☐ Restaurants are very cheap in Ecuador.
3. ☐ Brisbane is clean city.
4. ☐ The buildings in Florence are really beautiful.
5. ☐ Apartments are very expensive in Hong Kong.
6. ☐ Sapporo is very cold city in the winter.
7. ☐ Beijing's museums are really excellent.
8. ☐ Mumbai is exciting place to visit.



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Complete the description of Paris with *is* or *has*.

PARIS: City of Light

Paris _____ France's biggest city.
It _____ a very lively city with an interesting history. It _____ a city of interesting buildings and churches, and it _____ many beautiful parks. It also _____ some of the best museums in the world. Paris _____ nice weather most of the year, but it _____

pretty cold in the winter. It _____ a popular city with foreign tourists and _____ millions of visitors a year. The city _____ famous for its fashion and _____ many excellent stores. Paris _____ convenient trains and buses that cross the city, so it _____ easy for tourists to get around.



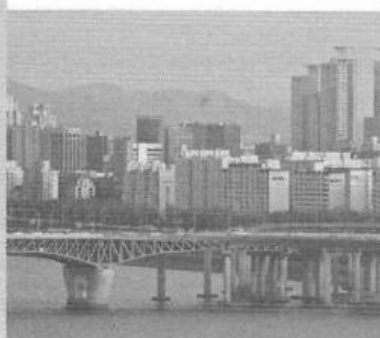
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6 From city to city

A Scan the webpage. Where is each city?

SEOUL

Seoul was founded in 18 BCE. It is South Korea's capital and today has a population of 10.5 million people. Seoul is famous for producing popular music and films that are very well known in Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The city is surrounded by mountains and located on the Han River. It has an excellent transportation system that can take you to 115 museums, monuments, parks, and music festivals throughout the city. The best time to visit Seoul is in the fall and the spring. Winters can be quite cold and summers very hot.



QUITO



Quito sits 2,850 meters above sea level and is the highest capital city in the world. Its population is 2.6 million people. The city is located near the equator in the country of Ecuador (which means "equator" in Spanish). Quito's downtown center, one of the most beautiful in the Americas, has not changed much since the Spanish founded the city in 1534. On a day trip from Quito, you can go walking in the mountains and visit a volcano there. Because of the city's elevation and location on the equator, the weather there is pleasant all year.

RABAT

Rabat is located on the Atlantic Ocean. It was founded in 1146. Although Rabat is the capital of Morocco, its population is only about 580,000 people. The weather is cool at night with hot days in the summer and mild days in the winter. Mawazine, a famous world music festival, takes place in Rabat in the spring. You can visit the Kasbah, an old fortress, and enjoy the architecture, gardens, and the view of the ocean. Rabat's outdoor markets sell beautiful handmade goods. Explore the city and enjoy a delicious Moroccan meal!



B Read the webpage and complete the chart.

City	Date founded	Population	Attractions
Seoul			
Quito			
Rabat			

C Complete the sentences.

- _____ and _____ have music festivals.
- _____ is the capital city with the smallest population.
- _____ is the oldest capital city.
- _____ has the capital city with the highest altitude.

7 Complete the sentences. Use phrases from the box.

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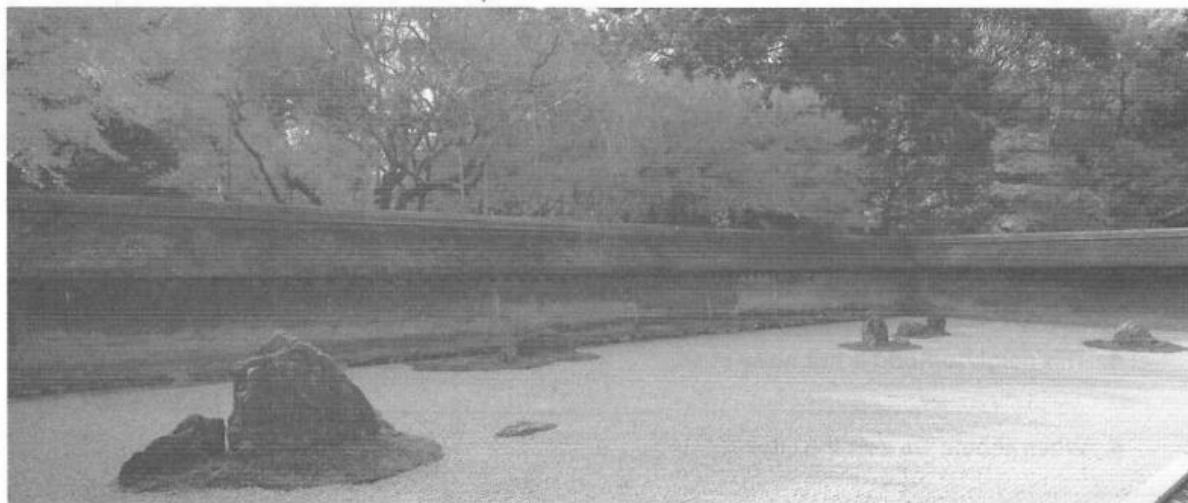
1. You should see the new zoo. It's very interesting.
2. You _____ near the airport. It's too noisy.
3. You _____ the museum. It has some new exhibits.
4. You _____ a bus tour of the city if you like.
5. You _____ alone at night. It's too dangerous.
6. You _____ a taxi if you're out late.



8 Complete the conversation with *should* or *shouldn't* and *I* or *you*.

- A: I'm taking my vacation in Japan. What _____ should I do there?
- B: _____ miss Kyoto, the old capital city. There are a lot of beautiful old buildings. For example, _____ see the Ryoanji Temple.
- A: Sounds great. Hakone is very popular, too. _____ go there?

- B: Yes, _____. It's very interesting, and the hot springs are fantastic.
- A: _____ take a lot of money with me?
- B: No, _____. You can use the ATMs in Japan.
- A: So when _____ go there?
- B: In the spring or the fall. You can see the cherry blossoms or the fall colors.



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9 Ask questions about a place you want to visit. Use *can*, *should*, or *shouldn't*.

1. the time to visit

What time of year should I visit?

2. things to see and do there

3. things not to do

4. special foods to try

5. fun things to buy

6. other interesting things to do

10 Rewrite the sentences. Think of another way to express each sentence using the words given.



1. It's a polluted city.

It isn't a clean city. (not clean)

2. You really should visit the new aquarium.

(not miss)

3. Apartments are not cheap in my country.

(extremely expensive)

4. This neighborhood is not noisy at all.

(very quiet)

5. When should we visit the city?

(a good time)