

# VENICE: A CHANGING CITY

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## VENICE

### True-False Quiz

Instructions: Choose the correct answer or write T (True) or F (False).

1. Venice is made up of over 100 small islands.
2. Cars are the main form of transportation in Venice.
3. Venice experiences flooding for around 60 days each year.
4. Venice is located in the south of Italy.
5. Tourists bring both positive and negative changes to Venice.
6. All the old houses in Venice are now used as museums.
7. Venice's population has decreased by half over the past 30 years.
8. The canals in Venice are used for fishing boats only.
9. When the emergency alarm sounds, residents stay indoors.
10. One of Venice's current problems is having too many tourists.

Many people think Venice is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. This unique city is in the north of Italy. It is really a group of 118 small islands. These islands have canals to separate them and 400 bridges to join them. There are no cars in Venice-just boats. Everything must come to the city by boat and then be carried over the bridges to people's homes and shops.

Venice is a city on the water, but it has a problem with high tide. This is not a new problem. For about 60 days a year, parts of the city are covered in water. Residents know this well. As soon as they hear the sound of the emergency alarm, they put on their boots or walk on special platforms.

Venice is beautiful, old, and romantic. But it is changing. Just 30 years ago, 120,000 people lived there. Today, Venice has half that number. The residents are moving out, but more tourists are visiting all the time. Venice has over 20 million tourists every year! That is both good and bad.

Tourists bring money. But they also bring change. The old shops that sold products like fruit and vegetables to the residents are changing to souvenir shops because the rent on the old shops is too high. Old houses in the center of the city are changing to hotels. The residents of Venice are moving out because there are few houses, and they are too expensive. Only rich people, mainly from other countries, or elderly people who own houses passed down from their family can live in Venice.

In the past, Venice's biggest problem was the high water. Now it is the number of tourists. The city is working on both of these problems. They want residents and tourists to enjoy this beautiful, old, and romantic city for all time.

### Error Correction Exercise

Instructions: Each sentence has one mistake. Find and correct it.

- Venice is in the south of Italy. >>> Venice is in the north of Italy.
- There are cars in Venice for transportation. >>> There are boats in Venice for transportation.
- The city has 118 big islands. >>> The city has 118 islands.
- Residents put on gloves when there's a flood. >>> Residents put on boots when there's a flood.
- Venice had 120,000 people today. >>> Venice had 120,000 people 30 years ago.
- Tourists bring only bad effects to Venice. >>> Tourists bring both positive and negative bad effects to Venice.
- The emergency alarm tells tourists to leave. >>> The emergency alarm tells residents to leave.
- Souvenir shops are changing to fruit shops. >>> Souvenir shops are changing to hotel shops.
- Houses in the city center are becoming schools. >>> Houses in the city center are becoming hotels.
- Only young people can afford to live in Venice. >>> Only rich or elderly people can afford to live in Venice.

### Match the words with the meanings.

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| 1. unique    | a. thick, heavy shoes that cover the foot and the bottom part of the leg |
| 2. bridges   | b. different from all others in some way                                 |
| 3. residents | c. money people pay to use or live in a place                            |
| 4. an alarm  | d. old or aging  |
| 5. boots     | e. a sound that tells people there is danger                             |
| 6. romantic  | f. things that cross rivers or roads that people can walk or drive upon  |
| 7. rent      | g. something that makes people think of love, dreams, and adventure      |
| 8. elderly   | h. people who live in a certain place                                    |

## Venice - Multiple Choice Quiz

1. Where is Venice located?
- A. In the south of Italy
  - B. In the middle of Italy
  - C. In the north of Italy
  - D. In the west of Italy

2. What separates the islands in Venice?
- A. Streets
  - B. Rivers
  - C. Lakes
  - D. Canals

3. How many bridges connect the islands in Venice?
- A. 118
  - B. 200
  - C. 400
  - D. 1000

6. How do residents prepare for the high tide?
- A. They leave the city
  - B. They wear boots or walk on platforms
  - C. They drive on higher roads
  - D. They stay at home

9. Why are residents moving out of Venice?
- A. The weather is too cold
  - B. The water is too clean
  - C. Houses are too cheap
  - D. Housing is too expensive and limited

4. What kind of transportation is mainly used in Venice?
- A. Bicycles
  - B. Cars
  - C. Trains
  - D. Boats

7. How many people lived in Venice 30 years ago?
- A. 60,000
  - B. 100,000
  - C. 120,000
  - D. 200,000

5. What happens in Venice for about 60 days a year?
- A. There are festivals
  - B. The city is flooded
  - C. It snows
  - D. Residents go on vacation

8. What is a problem caused by tourism in Venice?
- A. More traffic
  - B. Too many schools
  - C. Local shops are replaced with souvenir shops
  - D. The city becomes cheaper

10. What is Venice trying to do now?
- A. Ban tourists completely
  - B. Close all the bridges
  - C. Solve the problems of flooding and tourism
  - D. Build roads for cars