AUSTRALIA

Question: What do you already know about Sydney, Australia?

- Complete the paragraph on the right with the words on the left.

**Sydney, Australia**

Hi, my name is Noel, and I’d like to tell you a little bit about the city where I live – Sydney. Sydney, as you probably already know, is located in Australia, a country with a (1) **population** of 23 million people. Sydney isn’t the (2) **capital** city of Australia (that’s Canberra), but it’s the largest city, and it’s perhaps the most (3) **well-known** Australian city in other countries of the world. There are about 4.6 million people who live in Sydney. I love Sydney because it’s a very modern, (4) **view** city, with people from all over the world. There are also many interesting places to (5) **visit**, like the Sydney Opera House and the Royal Botanic Gardens where you can see thousands of large bats called ‘flying foxes’. In addition, there are many wonderful museums and fantastic (6) **art gallery**s where you can see the works of famous artists. If you want to play or watch sports, you can enjoy the Sydney Cricket Ground or the Sydney Football (7) **stadium**. With a great (8) **climate** (not too hot, and not too cold), and a beautiful (9) **view** of the Tasman Sea, it’s not surprising that this city continues to attract about 2 to 3 million international (10) **tourist**s each year. Now you know a little about my city! So tell me, what’s your city like?

(about 215 words)
Vocabulary Practice
• Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

1. attract  D. to cause people to go to a certain place
2. bat  B. known by many people
3. famous  C. maybe
4. international  D. to cause people to go to a certain place
5. modern  E. the number of people who live in a certain place
6. museum  F. a building that shows interesting things to people
7. perhaps  G. an animal with wings and a hairy body like a mouse
8. population  H. using new, not traditional, methods and technology

How Much Do You Understand?
• Write ‘T’ (True) or ‘F’ (False) next to each statement.

1. ______ The paragraph is about Australia.
2. ______ Twenty-three million people live in Sydney.
3. ______ Sydney is not the capital city of Australia.
4. ______ Noel doesn’t like Sydney because there are too many bats.
5. ______ There are museums, art galleries, and places to watch sports in Sydney.
6. ______ Millions of people visit Sydney every year.

Discuss
• Ask and answer the following questions with your classmates.

1. Is it important for you to live near the ocean? Why? / Why not?
2. Which do you like best: museums, art galleries, or sports stadiums? Why?
3. What’s the population of your city? Is it the capital city of your country?
4. Describe your town or city. What’s it like?
Hi, my name is Noel, and I’d like to tell you a little bit about the city where I live – Sydney. Sydney, as you probably already know, is (1) located in Australia, a country with a population of 23 million people. Sydney (2) is the capital city of Australia (that’s Canberra), (3) because it’s the largest city, and it’s perhaps the most well-known Australian city in other countries of the world. (4) There are about 4.6 million people who live in Sydney. I love Sydney (5) because it’s a very modern, international city, with people from all over the world. There are also (6) many interesting places to visit, like the Sydney Opera House and the Royal Botanic Gardens (7) where you can see thousands of large bats called ‘flying foxes’. (8) In addition, there are many wonderful museums and fantastic art galleries where you can (9) see the works of famous artists. If you want (10) to play or watch sports, you can enjoy the Sydney Cricket Ground or the Sydney Football Stadium. With a great climate (not too hot, and not too cold), and a beautiful view of the Tasman Sea, it’s (11) surprising that this city continues to attract about 2 to 3 million international tourists each year. Now you know a little about my city! So tell me, what’s your city (12) like?
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Now you my city! So tell me, your city?
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Sydney, Australia

Writing Practice 2

- Don’t look at the paragraph. In your own words, write what you can remember about Sydney, Australia. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.
Make Your Own City

- You and your classmates are city planners and you are going to make a new city. Use a pencil and decide where to put the parks, schools, downtown area, etc.

1. City name: _____________________
2. Location: _____________________
3. Population: ___________________
4. Climate: _____________________

Places Around Town:
- 1 downtown area
- 1 university
- 1 large park
- 1 hospital
- 1 industrial area
- 1 sports stadium
- 2 schools
- 2 residential areas
- 4 small parks

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Title: _______________

Writing Practice 3

• Write a short descriptive paragraph about the city that you and your classmates planned. Use your map – and your imagination!

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Lesson

Australia

Language Focus  Present Simple Tense / ‘There is’ and ‘There are’
Level      Intermediate
Time     Approximately 120 – 180 minutes

ANSWER KEY

• Complete the Paragraph
1. population
2. capital
3. well-known
4. international
5. visit
6. art galleries
7. stadium
8. climate
9. view
10. tourists

• How Much Do You Understand?
1. F (The paragraph is about Sydney.)
2. F (about 4.6 million people)
3. T
4. F (He loves Sydney)
5. T
6. T

• Grammar-in-Context
1. B
2. D
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A
9. D
10. C
11. B
12. A

• Vocabulary Practice
1. D
2. G
3. B
4. A
5. H
6. F
7. C
8. E

• Homework Idea
Write a short descriptive paragraph about your town or city (see attached handout). In the next class, get into a small group and read aloud your paragraph.

EXPLORE on-line:

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