



CITIES

Discussion

Basic Questions

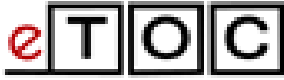
1. What is your favorite city?
My favorite city is...
2. What are the biggest problems with living in cities?
The biggest problems with living in cities are....
3. Which city do you think would be the best to live in?
I think.....would be the best city to live in because....
4. What do you like and dislike about the capital city of your country?
The things I like are.... The things I dislike are....
5. Is it better to grow up in the city?
Yes, it is... / No, it isn't....

Extended Questions

1. Is the capital city of a country always the country's best city?
Yes..... / No.....
2. Do you think there'll be more and more cities in the world?
Yes, I think... /No, I don't think....
3. Which city would you choose as capital of the world and why?
I'd choose...as capital of the world because....
4. How are city people and country people different?
They are different in terms of.....
5. Which city has the most expensive cost of living?
I think.....has the most expensive cost of living.

VOCABULARY

1. **Capital city** /'kæp·ɪ·təl/
(noun) a city which is the center of government for a country or other political area
Ex.: I like Seoul, the capital city of South Korea.
2. **Flourishing** /'flɜː·ɪ·ʃɪŋ/
(adjective) growing or developing successfully
Ex.: Japan is a flourishing city.
3. **Coastal** /'kou·stəl/
(adjective) near the coast
Ex.: They are living in a coastal city.



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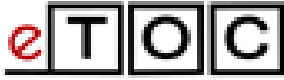
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4. **Inland** /'ɪn.lænd/
(adjective) away from the sea
Ex.: We left the coast and headed inland.
5. **Remote (city)** /rɪ'moʊt/
(adjective) far away in distance and time
Ex.: We live in a remote area.
6. **Metropolis** /mə'trɒp.ə.lɪs/
(noun) a large city, esp. the main city of a country or region
Ex.: Chicago is a major metropolis.
7. **State** /steɪt/
(noun) one of the political units that some countries
Ex.: New York State is almost as large as Greece.

Useful Expressions

1. **hustle and bustle** - busy and noisy activity
Ex.: I can't stand the hustle and bustle of big cities.
2. **fat city** - A condition or circumstance marked by considerable prosperity or having a superior advantage
Ex.: I'll be in fat city 20 years from now.
3. **cardboard city** - an area of a large city where many people without a home sleep outside
Ex.: Young people come to the capital full of hope and end up in cardboard city.



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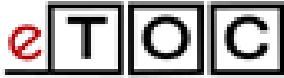
Exercise

Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below

“Big City Noise”

My name is Olaf. I live in a big city. I live on a busy road. During the day and at night, cars go by. Buses go by. Trucks go by. People do not seem to hear the noise during the day. But at night, the noise makes it hard to sleep. My road has a lot of animals, too. People keep their animals outside in their yards at night. There are cats. There are dogs. The dogs make a lot of noise. To me, the dogs are like the trucks. The dogs are like the cars. The dogs are like the buses. All of them are loud! One dog barks more than the others do. His name is Simba. Simba is Mr. Cheek's dog. “That is a very bad dog. He keeps me up at night,” says Mr. Lucas. Mr. Lucas lives next door to Mr. Cheek. “You should give him away,” says Mr. Lucas. This makes Mr. Cheek very mad. “You should not sleep with your windows open,” says Mr. Cheek. “You should take your dog inside at night,” yells Mr. Lucas. The two men argue about Simba's barking almost every day. I think this is funny. To me, Simba is as bad as the cars. He is as bad as the buses. He is as bad as the trucks. This is what living in a big city is like. There is a lot of noise.

- 1) In what place does Olaf live?
 - A. in a small apartment
 - B. in a big city
 - C. in a quiet neighborhood
 - D. in a busy town
- 2) According to Olaf, what makes noise?
 - I. dogs
 - II. buses
 - III. airplanes
 - A. I only
 - B. I and II
 - C. II and III
 - D. I, II, and III
- 3) What goes by at night?
 - A. bikes
 - B. cats
 - C. dogs
 - D. trucks



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- 4) Why may people not seem to hear the noise during the day?
- A. because it is quiet
 - B. because they are sleepy
 - C. because they are busy doing other things
 - D. because they do not hear well during the day
5. According to Olaf, what could be done about noise in a big town?
- A. People could ride bikes.
 - B. Dogs could be inside.
 - C. People could walk everywhere.
 - D. Nothing can be done.

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