

Brainstorm That City

Paris -- Kuala Lumpur -- Sydney
Rio de Janeiro --Cairo

Think about the cities listed above and speak together in groups saying

- (a) ...if you have visited any of them.
- (b) ...which continent each one is in.
- (c) ...whether each is the capital of its respective country or not.
- (d) ...what each city is known for or famous for, if you know of anything.
- (e) ...whether you expect the city to be cheaper or more expensive than your home country.

Name That City

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Your teacher will give you a short description of each city. See if you can guess which one is which and write the name of the city in the space provided.

Compare your answers with your partner and explain which words, phrases or sentences helped you decide which city was which.

City Life: Predicting Costs

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The cost of living varies from place to place, have you noticed. Your teacher is going to give you information on the cost of water, beer, a meal, a football ticket etc. in each city. This information will give you an idea of how expensive it is to live in each city and a basis for deciding which is the most expensive city to live in which is the cheapest. Without looking, what do you expect to find?

Predicted Order

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

Real Order (approximately)

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

Study that city: compare & share

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Study the facts and prepare to speak:

Look at the information again. Feel free to draw, circle, underline or highlight anything which is as you expected (e.g. *water / cheaper / Rio / than Paris*), and anything which surprised you (e.g. *food / Sydney / more expensive / Paris*). Make notes below on anything you want to mention in the discussion:

Not Surprised

As I expected:

As I thought:

I am not surprised that:

Surprised

It's hard to believe:

I am surprised that:

I wouldn't have thought:

Speak: share what you have noticed with two other students and see whether you have made *similar* or *differing* discoveries

Discuss and present on 'the issues'

Make notes on the following questions in small groups then present your ideas to the class:

1. Can you explain why the same products have such different costs internationally? Which of the products might be made locally and which imported?
2. Who benefits most from this inequality? Is there a clear 'winner' economically?
3. What are the disadvantages for the people a) where the cost of living is high? b) where the cost of living is low?
4. Is there anything that could be done to make the lives of those struggling any easier? Is there a clear plan of action that would definitely help?

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A. _____

While this is the country's oldest city and also one of its major economic centres, it is not the capital. As well as fantastic beaches and loads of sun, the city boasts huge skyscrapers, friendly people and great restaurants. Possessing a great energy, this place has come a long way since its beginning as a penal colony.

B. _____

This is a loud and heavily populated city. It's an unpredictable place, absolutely full of people with a real intensity about it: you will either love it or hate it. New tower blocks stand next to traditional houses made of sun-baked mud, with some of the oldest and most famous monuments in the world visible from the city centre. Why try and be so modern when your city is famous for having something so old?

C. _____

Home to almost 2 million people, this lively, colourful capital has been built up from virtually nothing in 130 years. It is currently home to the tallest building in the world, comprised of two huge towers as well as many modern buildings crafted with an Islamic flavour to their design. Tradition has not been forgotten here, though, as is evidenced in the thriving night markets and street life all over the city.

D. _____

A place of world-class food, museums and architecture and considered the most romantic city in the world by some, this capital city demands to be photographed, painted and enjoyed by the young and not-so-young alike. Lights upon the river at night attract couples from all over the world to honeymoon or rediscover their love for one another. And for art lovers, it is home to some of finest masterpieces in the world. Visiting all of the city's museums would take at least a month.

E. _____

Known locally as the 'marvellous city', it attracts visitors looking for a good time. Famous for its carnival and spectacular location on the coast, this populous city always has room for a few more visitors in its hotels. The locals are fanatical about sport so head down to the beach for a game of football in the sand and see if you can spot any celebrities.