

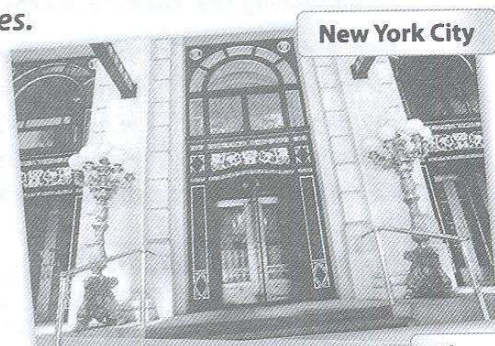
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## It's a very exciting place!

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Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Prices are high in New York City. Everything is very expensive there.  
(cheap / expensive / stressful)
- Florence is a beautiful old city. There are not many \_\_\_\_\_ buildings.  
(big / modern / small)
- My hometown is not an exciting place. The nightlife there is pretty \_\_\_\_\_.  
(boring / nice / interesting)
- Some parts of our city are fairly dangerous. They're not very \_\_\_\_\_ late at night.  
(hot / interesting / safe)
- Athens is a very quiet city in the winter. The streets are never \_\_\_\_\_ at that time of the year.  
(spacious / crowded / relaxing)



New York City



Florence

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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.



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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.

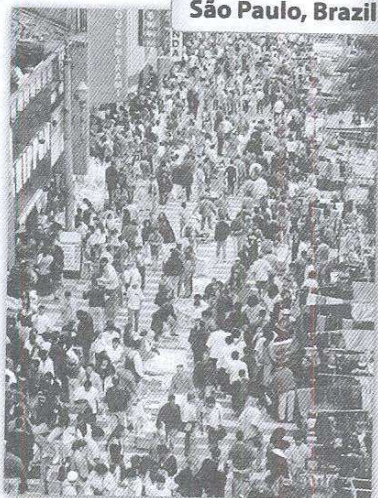
**Use but, though, and however for contrasting information.**

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

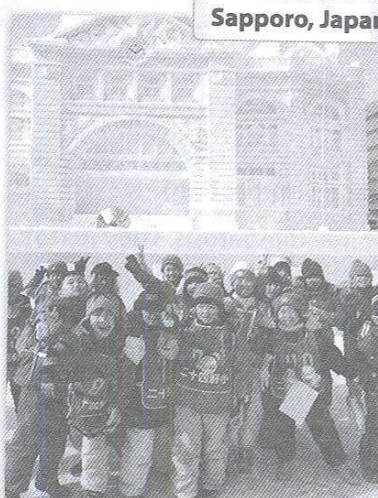
The summers are hot. The evenings are fairly cold, **though**.

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

São Paulo, Brazil



Sapporo, Japan



Marrakech, Morocco



1. São Paulo is a very busy place. The streets are always crowded. (and / but)

São Paulo is a very busy place, and the streets are always crowded.

2. Sapporo is a very nice place. The winters are terribly cold. (and / though)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

4. My hometown is a great place for a vacation. It's not too good 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**

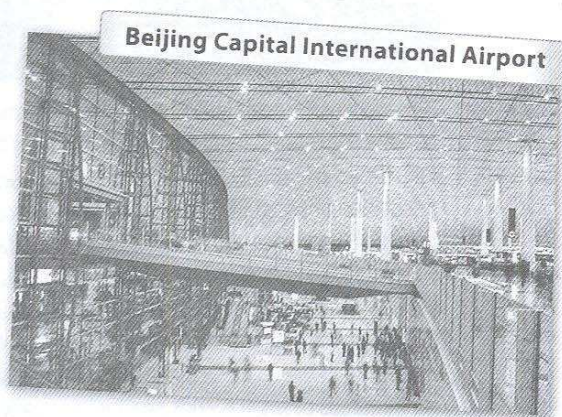
**Use a or an with (adverb +) adjective + singular noun.**

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. ☒ Beijing has <sup>a</sup> very modern airport.
2. ☐ Restaurants are very cheap in Ecuador.
3. ☐ Copenhagen is clean city.
4. ☐ The buildings in Paris are really beautiful.
5. ☐ Apartments are very expensive in Hong Kong.
6. ☐ Dubai is very hot city in the summer.
7. ☐ Mexico City has excellent museums.
8. ☐ Rio de Janeiro is exciting place to visit.



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## Ever-Popular London

London \_\_\_\_\_ Britain's biggest city. It \_\_\_\_\_ a very old capital city and dates back to the Romans. It \_\_\_\_\_ a city of interesting buildings and churches, and it \_\_\_\_\_ many beautiful parks. It also \_\_\_\_\_ some of the best museums in the world. London \_\_\_\_\_ very crowded in the summer, but it \_\_\_\_\_ not too busy in the winter. It \_\_\_\_\_ a popular city with foreign tourists and \_\_\_\_\_ millions of visitors a year. The city \_\_\_\_\_ famous for its shopping and \_\_\_\_\_ many excellent department stores. London \_\_\_\_\_ convenient trains and buses that cross the city, so it \_\_\_\_\_ easy for tourists to get around.

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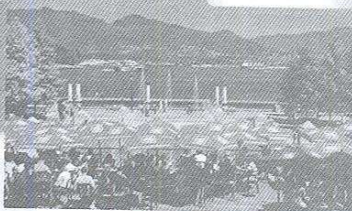
## From city to city

**A** Scan the webpage. Where is each city?



Helsinki

Helsinki was founded in 1550 and became the capital city of Finland in 1812. It's a fairly small city, with a population of about 600,000. Helsinki is very beautiful, and it is a good city for walking and bicycling. It has lots of parks, and there are forests nearby. Cruises are popular. The city is on the Baltic Sea, and there are hundreds of small islands nearby. The best time to go is the summer because the Finnish winter is very cold. It has an average temperature in February of  $-3.6^{\circ}$  Celsius.



Vancouver

A small community called Granville was founded on the west coast of Canada in the 1870s. It was renamed Vancouver in 1886. Today, Vancouver is a large city of over 2 million people. About 49 percent of the population speak English as a first language, and about 25 percent speak Chinese as a first language. The city has lots of really good restaurants that serve many kinds of food. Vancouver has fairly mild weather. It's not very hot or very cold. There is skiing nearby in the Coast Mountain Range.



Salvador da Bahia

Salvador da Bahia was founded in 1549. Since then, it has been a very important city in northeast Brazil. It was the country's first capital city. With about 2.6 million people, Salvador da Bahia is a popular tourist destination. Visitors come for its architecture and its beaches. People also come for the African heritage in the food and music. Capoeira, for example, is a popular mix of music, dancing, and martial arts. The weather is usually hot and humid, but sea breezes make it feel pleasant.

**B** Read the webpage and complete the chart.

City	Date founded	Population	Weather	Attractions
Helsinki	1550			
Vancouver				
Salvador da Bahia				

**C** Complete the sentences.

1. Vancouver changed its name in 1886.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ has many Chinese speakers.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the coldest of the three cities.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ were both founded in the mid-sixteenth century.

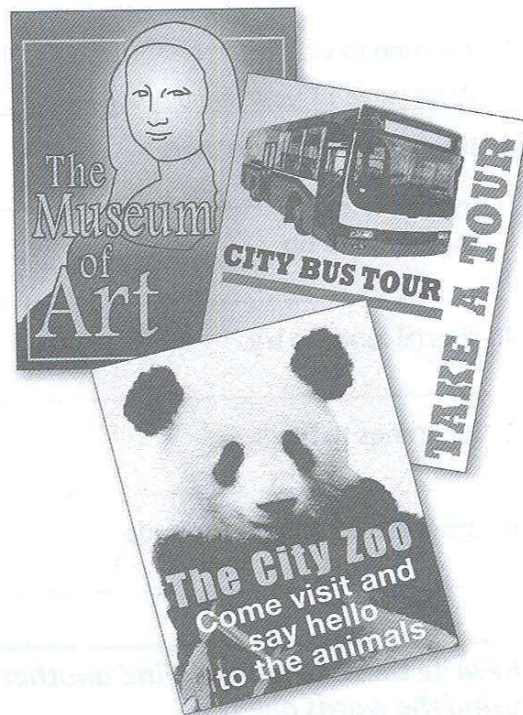


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Complete these sentences. Use phrases from the list.

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|--|---|
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> should see | <input type="checkbox"/> shouldn't stay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> can get               | <input type="checkbox"/> shouldn't walk |

- You should see the new zoo.  
It's very interesting.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ near the  
airport. It's too noisy.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ the museum.  
It has some new exhibits.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ a bus tour  
of the city if you like.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ alone at night.  
It's too dangerous.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi if  
you're out late.

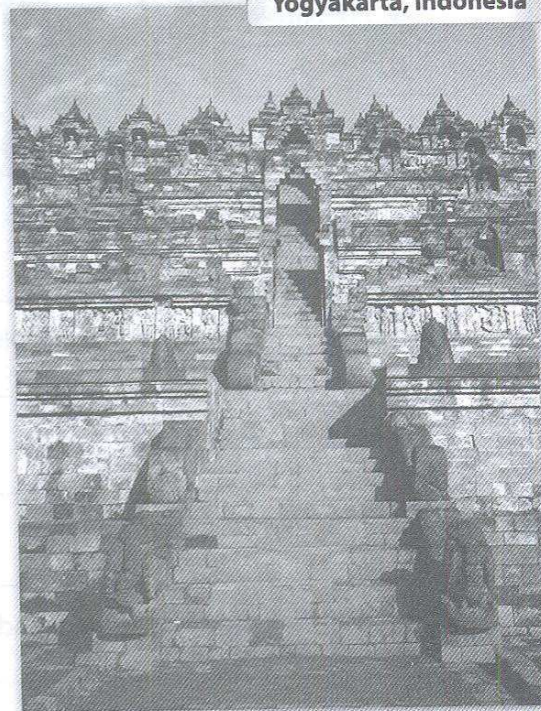


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Complete this conversation with *should* or *shouldn't* and *I* or *you*.

- A: I'm taking my vacation in Indonesia.  
What should I do there?
- B: \_\_\_\_\_ miss Yogyakarta,  
the old capital city. There are a lot of  
beautiful old buildings. For example,  
\_\_\_\_\_ see the  
temple of Borobudur.
- A: Sounds great. Bali is very popular, too.  
\_\_\_\_\_ go there?
- B: Yes, \_\_\_\_\_. It's very interesting.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ take a lot of  
money with me?
- B: No, \_\_\_\_\_. Indonesia  
is not an expensive country to visit.
- A: So when \_\_\_\_\_ go there?
- B: Anytime. The weather's always nice.

Yogyakarta, Indonesia



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**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 you visit?

2. things to see and do there

3. things not to do

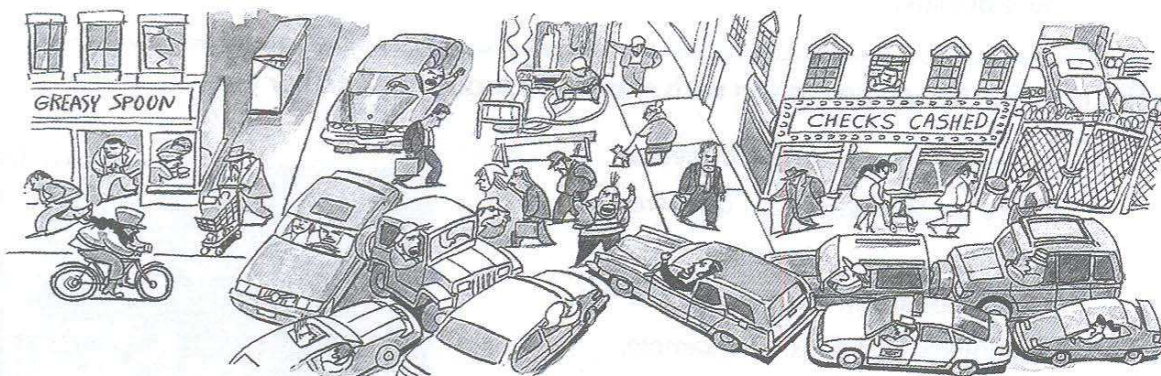
4. special foods to try

5. fun things to buy

6. other interesting things to do

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**Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.**



1. It's a stressful city.

It isn't a relaxing city.

(not relaxing)

2. The streets are always full of people.

(crowded)

3. It's not a very beautiful city.

(fairly ugly)

4. When should we visit the city?

(a good time)

5. You really should visit the weekend market.

(not miss)