

COMMUNICATION

Exploring arts and culture

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can use a range of vocabulary and phrases related to arts and culture.
- I can talk about important cultural figures and institutions in my country.



Warm-up

In this lesson, you are going to read a **text** about three cities: Granada, Vienna and New York. Take 1 minute to **write down** some things you know about these cities. **Share** with the class.

1

Granada

2

Vienna

3

New York City



Reading

Read the texts below. Have you ever visited any of these cities? Would you like to?

Cultural cities



Granada was the birthplace of poet Garcia Lorca. It's known for its Moorish history, with examples of Islamic architecture such as the Alhambra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are many opportunities to see performances of the iconic flamenco dance style.



Vienna has been called 'The City of Music' for its rich classical music tradition. The famous composers Strauss and Mozart once lived here. It's also referred to as 'The City of Dreams,' where Freud developed his theory of psychoanalysis in the 1890s.



New York City is a world-renowned city for art lovers, with major institutions such as the Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and MoMA. Artists who made their names here include Andy Warhol and Jean-Michel Basquiat.



Reading comprehension

Read the statements below. Which city are they referring to?

1 Art lovers will find many things to see and do in this city.

2 This city has been called both 'The City of Music' and 'The City of Dreams.'

3 Sigmund Freud worked on his theory of psychoanalysis here.

4 This city is the birthplace of the poet Lorca.

5 This city is known for its Islamic architecture, for example, the Alhambra.

6 Andy Warhol and Jean Michel Basquiat lived and worked in this city.

Granada

Vienna

New York City



Pronunciation practice

Practise pronouncing the words below.

What do you notice about the pronunciation of **1 and 3**?

Which words begin with **silent letters**?

1

known

/nəʊn/

2

psychoanalysis

/'saɪ/

3

world-re**no**wned

/naʊnd/



Phrases for talking about arts and culture

Match the highlighted words and phrases (1-6) with a definition (a-f).

1

Granada is **the birthplace of** the poet Lorca.

a People call this place...

2

Freud **developed his theory** of psychoanalysis here.

b became famous

3

Vienna **is referred to as** 'The city of Dreams.'

c worked on (his) ideas

4

a **world-renowned** city for art

d the place where someone was born

5

Warhol and Basquiat **made their names** in New York City.

e describes a person or thing that people admire; a symbol of an idea or way of life

6

the **iconic** flamenco dance style

f It is famous for something

a tradition (of) ...

Dublin has **a rich literary tradition**. It is the birthplace of famous writers such as James Joyce and Samuel Beckett.

There is **a strong tradition of ceramic art** in Delft, in the Netherlands. This developed in the Middle Ages and was heavily influenced by Chinese ceramic design.



When a place has a **tradition** (of something), it means it has a **long history** of a particular activity or art form.
What are some traditions in your country?



a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**

A **UNESCO World Heritage Site** is a place that is considered important or valuable for cultural and historical reasons.

The Alhambra is one example. Do you know of any others?

Are there any World Heritage Sites in your country or city?

Research activity

1. **Choose** a person or topic from the list below.
2. **Find out** more about your chosen person or topic **using a search engine**.
3. **Share three key points** with your classmates.



Federico García
Lorca

Flamenco

The Alhambra

Wolfgang
Amadeus Mozart

Sigmund Freud

Classical music

Frank Lloyd
Wright

The Guggenheim
museum

Andy Warhol

Brainstorm

On the next slide, you will answer some questions about the capital city of your country. **Make some notes** to prepare, using the mind map below to help you.

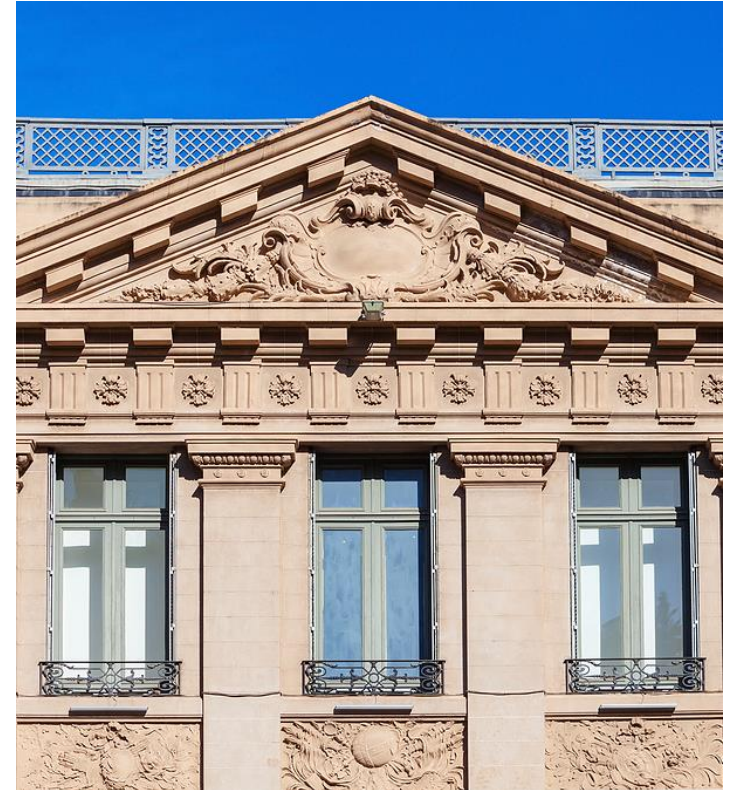




Places and names in your capital city

1. In **breakout rooms** or in the main class, **discuss** the questions below with your partner.
2. If using breakout rooms, **share** three facts you learned about your partner's city afterwards.

- 1 What is the **main square** called? Are there any **streets** or **statues** named after historical figures?
- 2 What are some of the major **museums**? What sort of **exhibitions** do they have?
- 3 Were any **well-known** historical figures born there? What did they do?
- 4 Are there any famous **artists, writers** or **architects** (past or present) associated with the city?
- 5 Is there a **tradition** of a particular art-form or cultural practice? What is the city known for?





End of the lesson

Idiom

A dream come true

Meaning: You can use this idiom when something you have been wishing for or have always wanted comes true.

Example: I got transferred to a new job in the Spanish office of our company, so I'm moving to Seville. I love Spain, so it's a dream come true!



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps with the options

Complete the sentences using the words in the red box.

- 1 Leeds in the UK has a strong sporting _____.
- 2 It is _____ to _____ football, cricket and rugby teams.
- 3 The city also has a _____ musical tradition. Rock bands *The Wedding Present* and *Kaiser Chiefs* _____ their _____ there.
- 4 People from Leeds are _____ to as Loiners.
- 5 The city is also the _____ of film. The first moving images were shot in Leeds in 1888.

names
rich
tradition
referred
birthplace
iconic
made
home



Categorise the sentences

What do you know about these three cities? **Make sentences** to describe their arts and culture. Use a search engine to find more information.

1

2

3

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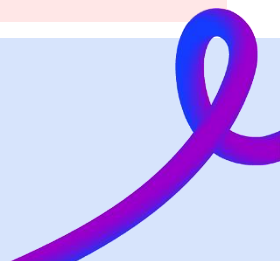
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Dubai

Los Angeles

Sydney





Free practice



Amir

**Vienna is
more cultural
than New
York.**

**I disagree.
New York is a
much better
city for the
arts.**



Maria

Do you agree with
Amir or Maria?

Use the information
from the lesson to
explain your
answer.

Do you know any
other information
about either city
that is important to
this debate?

Which city would
you prefer to visit?



Discuss



**I could not live somewhere
without lots of cultural
attractions!**



Do you agree? Why or why not?

Is something else more important about where you live? What is it?

Ask and answer questions to learn more about your classmates.



Discuss

Plan a journey to three cultural destinations anywhere in the world. Each destination can be in another country or somewhere local.



Destination 1

- What can you do there?
- What can you see?
- Why did you choose this destination?



Destination 2

- What can you do there?
- What can you see?
- Why did you choose this destination?



Destination 3

- What can you do there?
- What can you see?
- Why did you choose this destination?



Answer key

P.5: Granada: 4, 5 Vienna: 2, 3 New York City: 1, 6

P.7: 1. (d) 2. (c) 3. (a) 4. (f) 5. (b) 6. (e)

P.16: 1. tradition 2. home; iconic 3. rich; made; names 4) referred 5. birthplace



Summary

Cultural cities: Vienna, Granada, New York City:

- Granada was the birthplace of the poet Lorca
- Vienna has a rich tradition of classical music
- New York is world-renowned for artists like Andy Warhol and Jean-Michel Basquiat

Cultural life of the city:

- architecture, landmarks
- historical figures, cultural events
- parks and nature, museums and galleries

Describing your city:

- *It's referred to as...*
- *It's been known as...*
- *It's been called...*

Useful phrases:

- *to make a name (for oneself)*
- *Art lovers*
- *to develop*



Vocabulary

art lover

birthplace

World Heritage Site

known

world-renowned

tradition

iconic

to refer (to something)

