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Introduction

Do you like the countryside or do
you like cities? In the countryside,
there are trees and fields. In cities,
there are buildings, streets, and
lots of people.



countryside



city

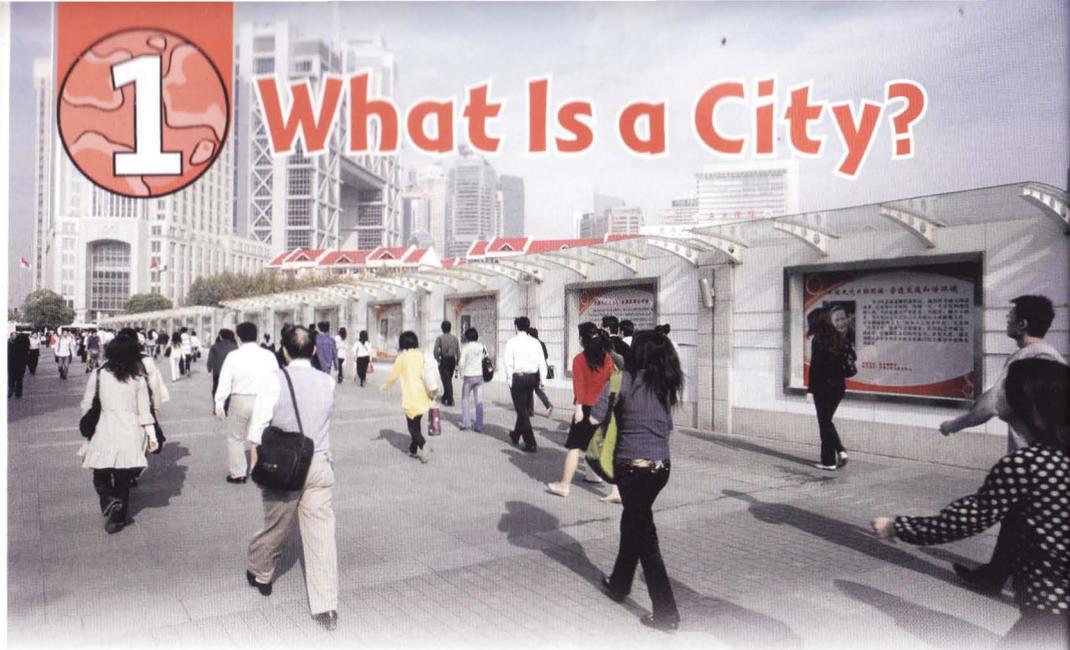
Do you live in a city?
What can you see in a city?
What can you do in a city?



Now read and discover
more about cities!

1

What Is a City?



It's seven o'clock in the morning. People are going to work. It's a new day in the city.

What is a city? A city is streets and buildings. A city is cars, buses, and taxis. A city is people – lots of people.

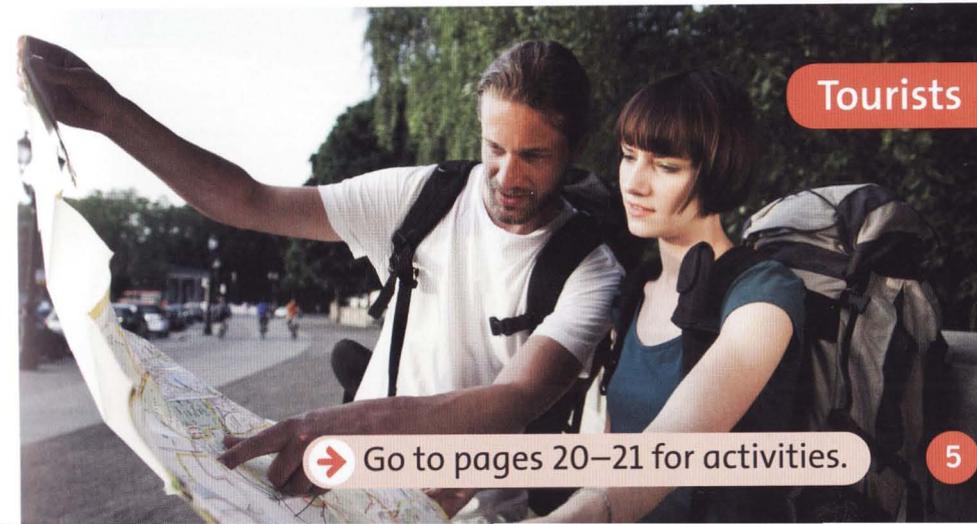


In some very big cities, there are more than 15 million people!



Now it's eleven o'clock. There are lots of people in the streets. People are going shopping. People are taking buses and taxis.

Some of the people are tourists. Every day, new people come to the city.

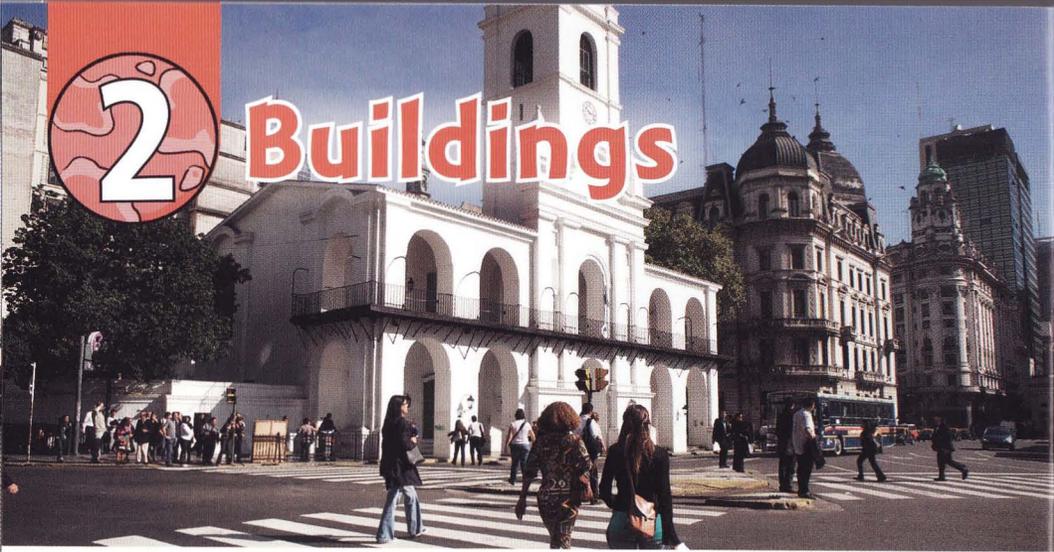


Tourists

➔ Go to pages 20–21 for activities.

2

Buildings



In a city, you can see lots of buildings. There are museums, schools, and stores.

In some cities there are very tall buildings. Sometimes you can go to the top and look at the city.



The streets are for everyone. You can walk with your family or friends. You can look in store windows. You can watch people, cars, and buses.

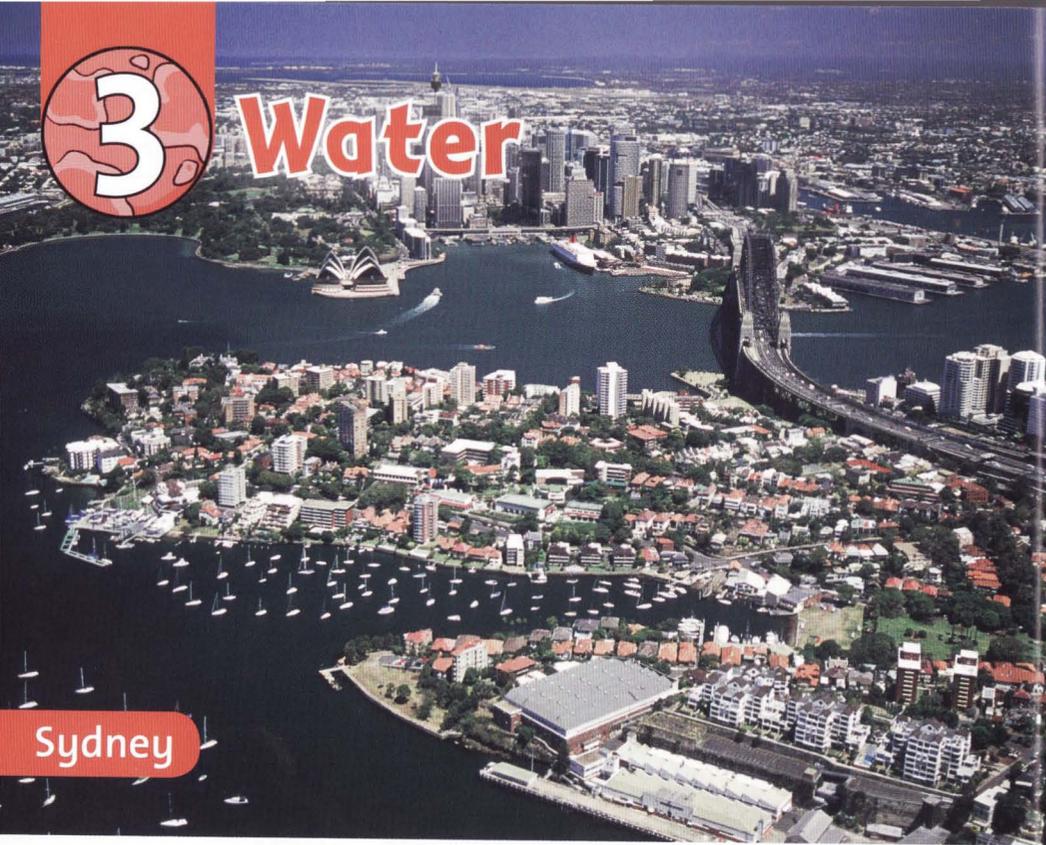
A mall is a street with no cars. It's in a building, and you can find stores and restaurants there. There's a big, old mall in Milan in Italy. Tourists go to this mall and they take photos.



A Mall in Milan

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Water



Sydney

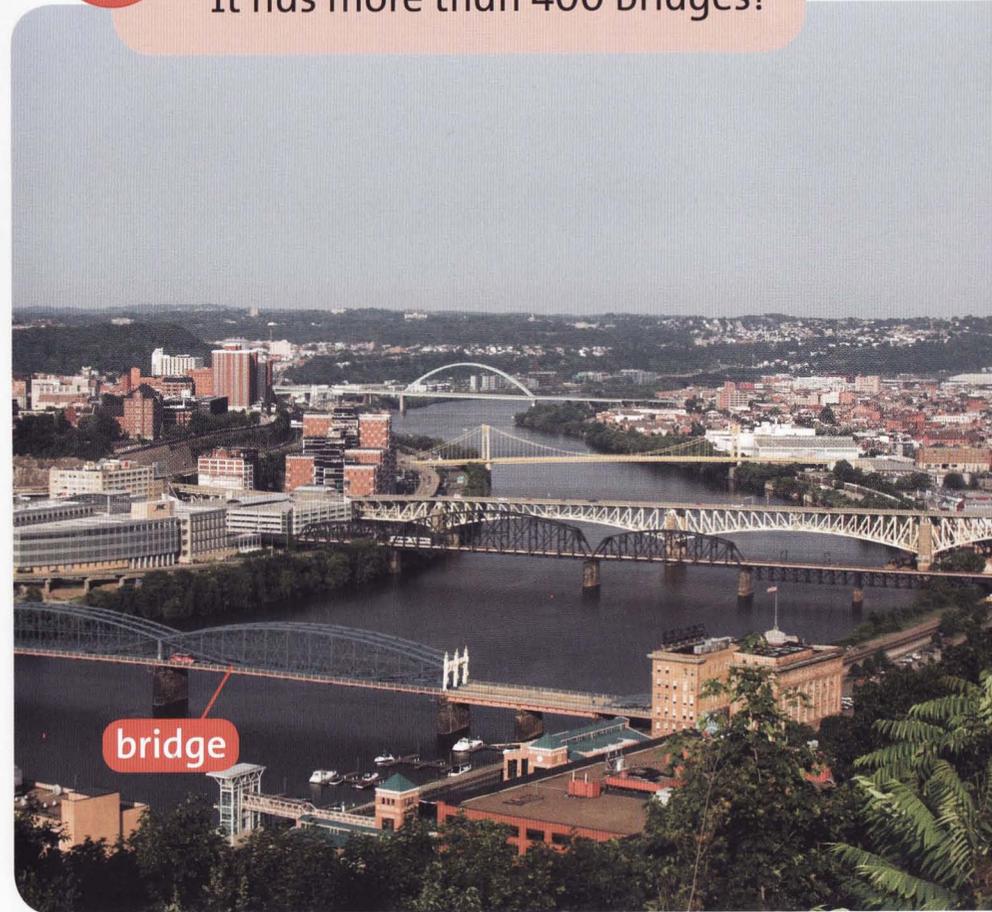
Many big cities are by an ocean. They have a harbor for ships. Ships bring materials for new buildings. Ships bring tourists, too.

There's a big harbor in Sydney in Australia. There are nice apartments and restaurants by the harbor. Sydney is a big city, but it has lots of parks and trees.

Ships can come to a city by river, too. Many cities are on big rivers. In these cities you can find great bridges. There are bridges for people, cars, and trains.



Pittsburgh is a city in the USA. It has more than 400 bridges!



bridge

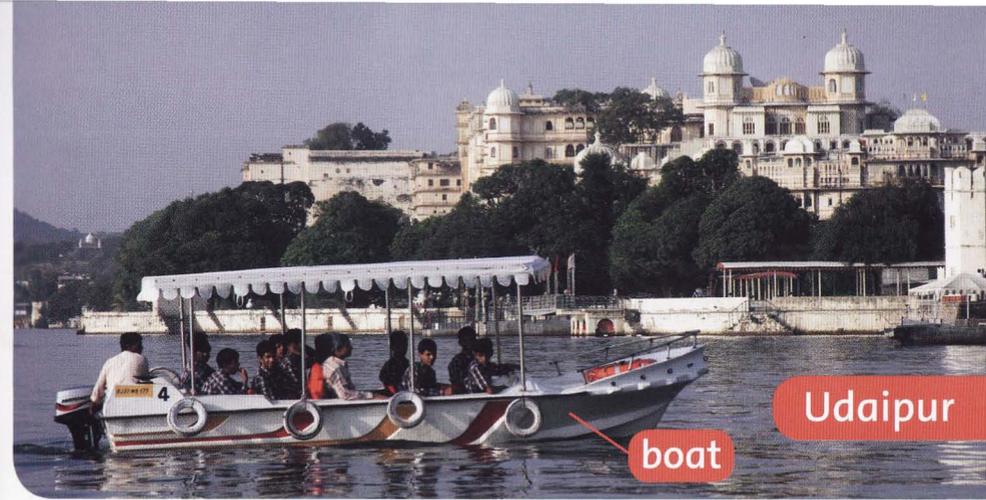
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Tourists



It's fun to be a tourist in a city. There are lots of things to do. You can go to a park, a museum, or a zoo. You can ride on a bus and listen to a guide.

It's good to walk around a city, too. You can take photos of the streets and buildings.



Udaipur

boat

In some cities there are lakes. You can swim there and have fun. In Udaipur in India, there's a big lake. You can ride in a boat on the lake.

In Hanoi in Vietnam, you can ride in a rickshaw and see the city.



Hanoi

rickshaw

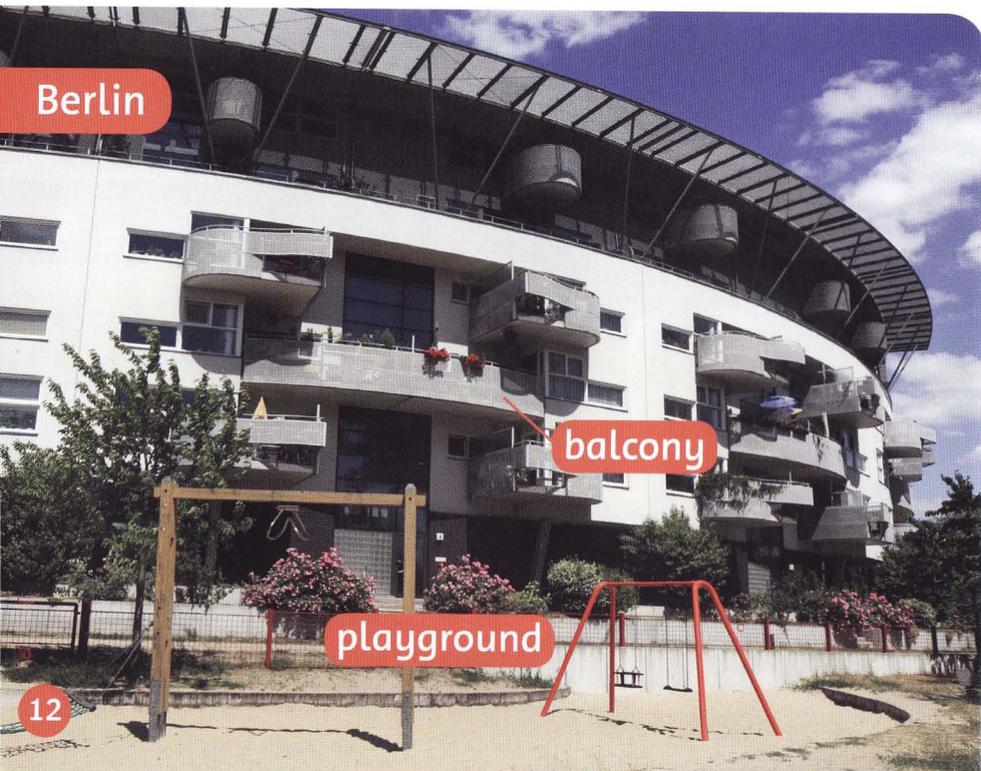
→ Go to pages 26–27 for activities.

5

Homes

In cities, many homes are small. Some people live in houses, but many people live in apartments.

These apartments are in Berlin in Germany. They are nice apartments. Every apartment has a balcony. There's a playground for children, too.



Berlin

balcony

playground



stairs

San Francisco

These houses are in San Francisco in the USA. They have stairs and a balcony. There are trees and flowers in the street. These houses are 100 years old. Behind the houses there are big, new offices. San Francisco is an old city, but it has lots of new buildings.

6

Work

In the morning, people come to cities and go to work. Lots of people work in offices. They use telephones and computers, but they don't meet many people at work.

Salesclerks meet lots of people at work. Salesclerks work in stores. They help us when we want to buy things.



Police Officers



In an Office



In a Store

salesclerk

Police officers meet lots of people, too. They help people in the city. They work in the day and at night.

There are doctors and nurses, teachers and students, bus drivers and taxi drivers. Thousands of people work together in a city.

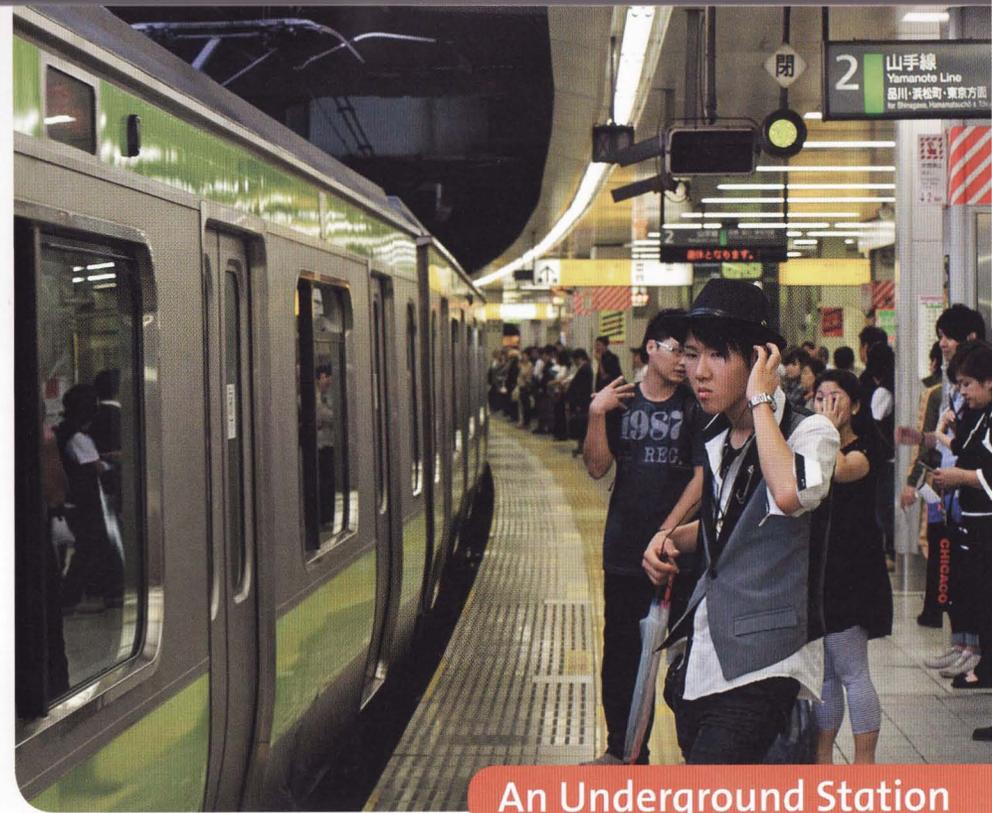
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Transportation

It's great to walk in a city, but you can't walk everywhere. Many people in cities use transportation.

Lots of people come to cities by car, so there are traffic jams. Cars make pollution. Cars are not a good type of transportation in big cities.

Trams are a good type of transportation. They run on tracks, and they don't make pollution.

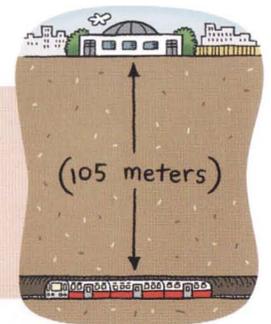


An Underground Station

Lots of cities have underground trains. Underground trains are fast. Thousands of people use them every day. Some underground stations are very deep.

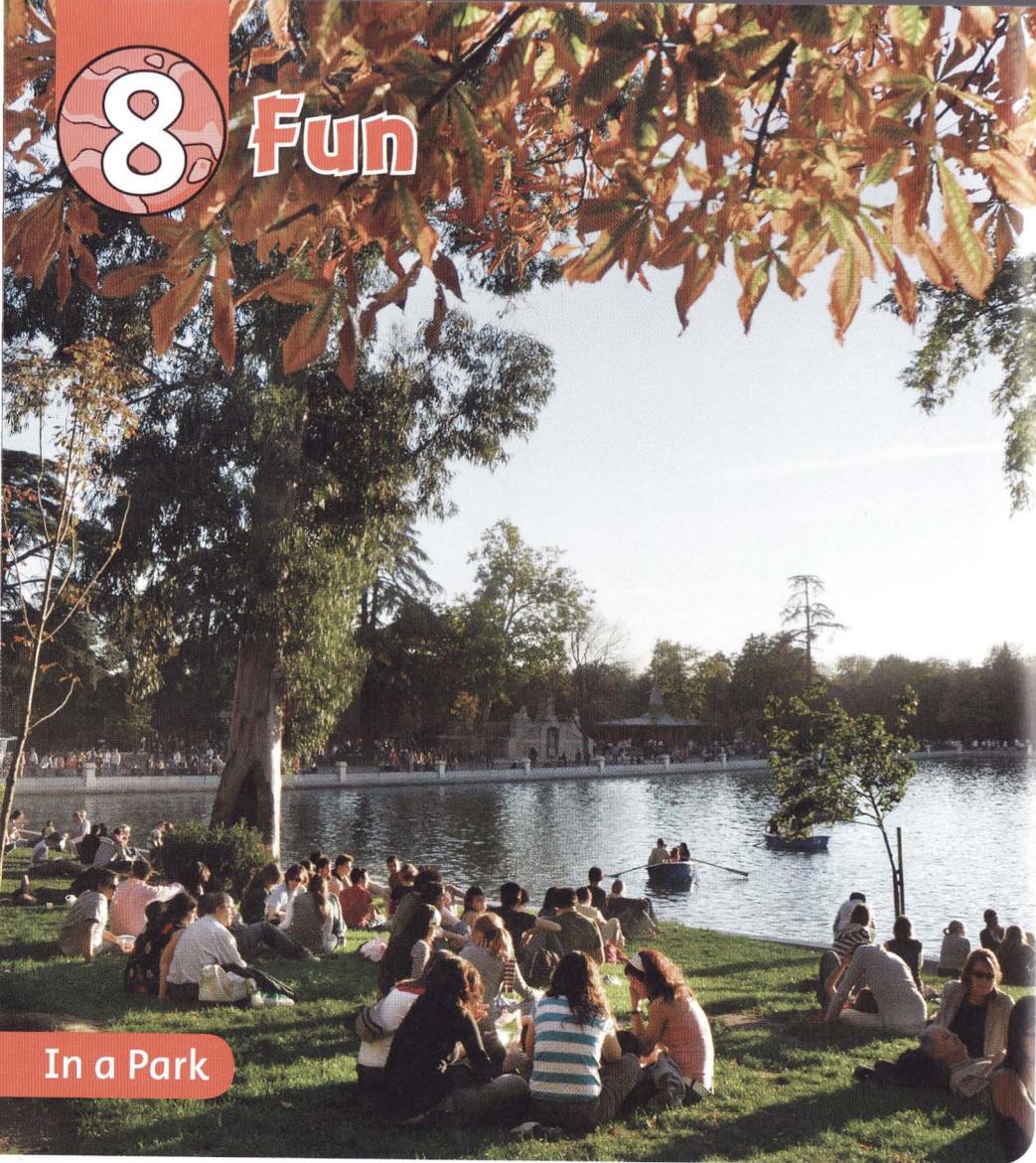


One station in Kiev in Ukraine is 105 meters under the ground.



➔ Go to pages 32–33 for activities.

8 Fun



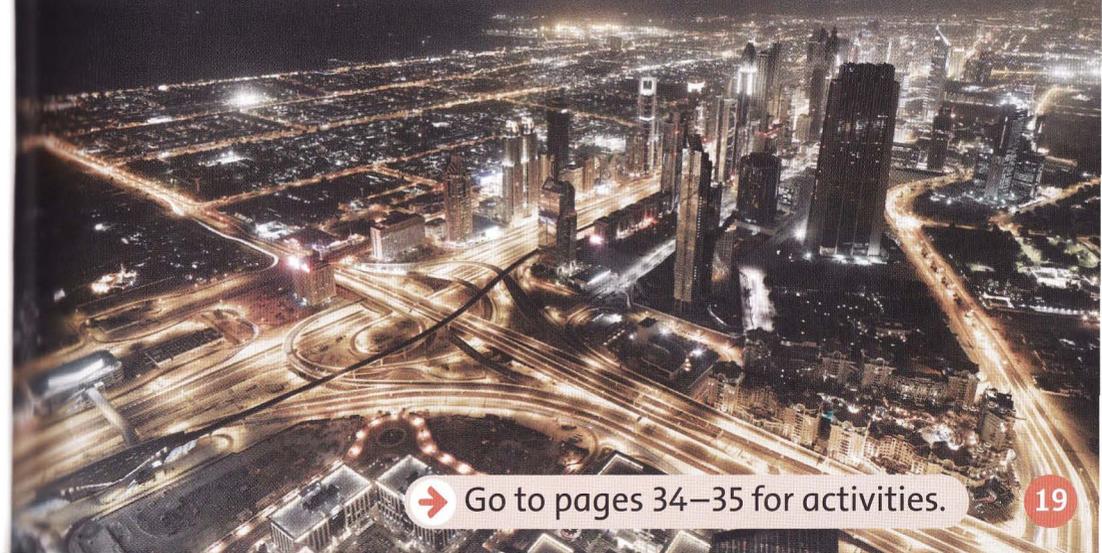
In a Park

It's three o'clock in the afternoon. People are having fun in the park. They are riding in boats on the lake or talking to friends.

At seven o'clock in the evening, many people are at the theater or watching a movie. Maybe they are with their friends in a restaurant. In a city, there are lots of things to do in the evening.

It's twelve o'clock at night. Some people are in cafés and restaurants. Some people are working. Taxi drivers and police officers work at night. Many people are at home.

This is the end of our day in the city.



1 What Is a City?

← Read pages 4–5.

1 Write the words.

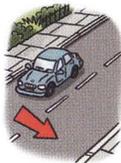
buildings bus people city taxi street



1 city



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 People go to work / tourists in the morning.
- 2 In some big / small cities, there are more than 15 million people.
- 3 There are lots of tourists in cities / people.
- 4 Every day new people / day come to the city.

3 Complete the sentences.

buses eleven going
cities streets taking

- 1 There are streets and buildings in a city.
- 2 There are cars and _____.
- 3 In _____ there are lots of people.
- 4 At _____ o'clock, there are lots of people in the streets.
- 5 People are _____ shopping.
- 6 People are _____ taxis and buses.

4 Order the words.

- 1 o'clock / It's / seven / in / morning. / the
It's seven o'clock in the morning.
- 2 are / going / work. / People / to

- 3 It's / in / the / city. / a / new / day

- 4 day / Every / people / come / the / city. / to

2 Buildings

← Read pages 6–7.

1 Write the words. Then match.

1 e t s o r
store

2 m e m u s u

3 o c o s h l

4 l m a l



2 Find and write the words.

family friends window photo restaurant people

1 family 3 _____ 5 _____

2 _____ 4 _____ 6 _____

3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 A mall / house is a street with no cars.
- 2 There are buses / stores in a mall.
- 3 There are restaurants / cars in a mall, too.
- 4 There's a mall / big in Milan.
- 5 The mall in Milan is big and new / old.
- 6 Milan is a countryside / city in Italy.

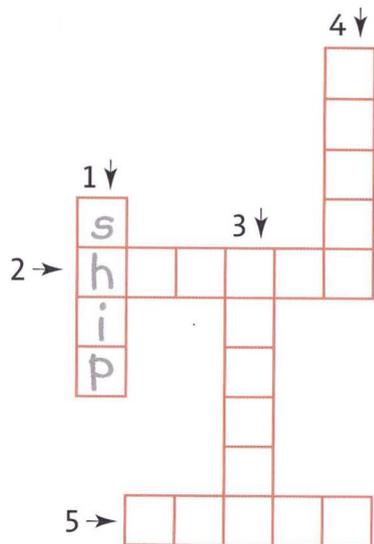
4 Complete the sentences.

- 1 In cities there are lots of buildings.
(buildings / lots / of)
- 2 There are museums, _____.
(schools, / and / stores)
- 3 In some cities there are _____.
(buildings / tall / very)
- 4 You can walk in the streets _____.
(with / family / your)
- 5 You can look _____.
(windows / in / store)
- 6 You can watch people, _____.
(and / cars, / buses)

3 Water

← Read pages 8–9.

1 Complete the puzzle.



1



4



2



5



3

2 Write *true* or *false*.

- 1 Sydney is in Italy. false
- 2 There's a harbor in Sydney. _____
- 3 Sydney is a small city. _____
- 4 There are parks in Sydney. _____
- 5 Pittsburgh is in the USA. _____
- 6 There aren't any bridges in Pittsburgh. _____

3 Complete the sentences.

big buildings come ocean

- 1 Many cities are by an _____.
- 2 Ships bring materials for new _____.
- 3 Many cities are on _____ rivers.
- 4 Ships can _____ to a city by river.

4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Sydney?
It's in Australia.
- 2 Is Sydney by the ocean?

- 3 What is by the harbor in Sydney?

- 4 Where is Pittsburgh?

- 5 Is there a river in Pittsburgh?

- 6 How many bridges does Pittsburgh have?

4 Tourists

← Read pages 10–11.

boat guide
lake park
rickshaw tourists

1 Write the words.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 It's fun to be a tourist / building in a city.
- 2 There are lots / parks and museums.
- 3 You can listen to a photo / guide.
- 4 It's good to walk / take around a city.
- 5 In Udaipur you can walk / ride in a boat.
- 6 In Hanoi you can ride in a rickshaw / family.

3 Match.

- 1 There are lots of
- 2 You can
- 3 In Udaipur there's
- 4 You can ride on the lake
- 5 Udaipur is a city

- in a boat.
- a big lake.
- in India.
- go to a museum.
- things to do in a city.

4 Order the words.

- 1 be / to / tourist. / a / It's / fun

- 2 can / to / You / park. / go / a

- 3 bus. / can / a / You / ride / on

- 4 a / good / to / city. / It's / around / walk

- 5 of / buildings. / take / photos / can / You

5 Homes

← Read pages 12–13.

1 Write the words.

apartment children
flowers playground
house tree



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Circle the correct words.

- Many homes in cities are big / small.
- Many buildings / people in cities live in apartments.
- Some apartments have balconies / houses.
- There are nice / street apartments in Berlin.
- San Francisco / Berlin is in the USA.

3 Complete the sentences.

offices old stairs USA

- San Francisco is in the _____.
- There are some _____ houses in San Francisco.
- Some houses in San Francisco have _____ and a balcony.
- Behind some houses in San Francisco there are _____.

4 Match. Then write the sentences.

Many homes in
People live in
San Francisco is
Berlin is in

an old city.
houses or apartments.
Germany.
cities are small.

- Many homes in cities are small.
- _____
- _____
- _____

6 Work

← Read pages 14–15.

1 Write the words. Then match.

1 axit redvir

2 ph ee lnote

3 elciPo rfofeci

4 mectroup



2 Find and write the words.

morningsalesclerkstorenurse teacherthousand

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____

2 _____ 4 _____ 6 _____

3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Lots of people in cities **make** / **work** in offices.
- 2 People in offices **use** / **meet** telephones and computers.
- 3 People in offices don't meet lots of **stores** / **people** at work.
- 4 Salesclerks meet lots of **people** / **computers**.
- 5 Salesclerks help people in **offices** / **stores**.
- 6 Police officers help **people** / **telephones** in the city.

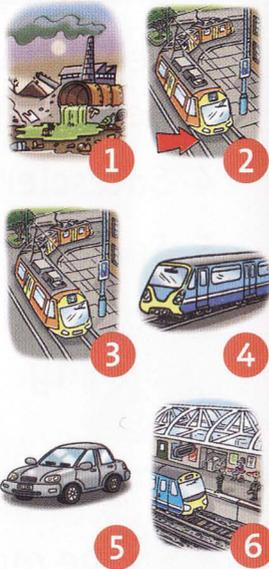
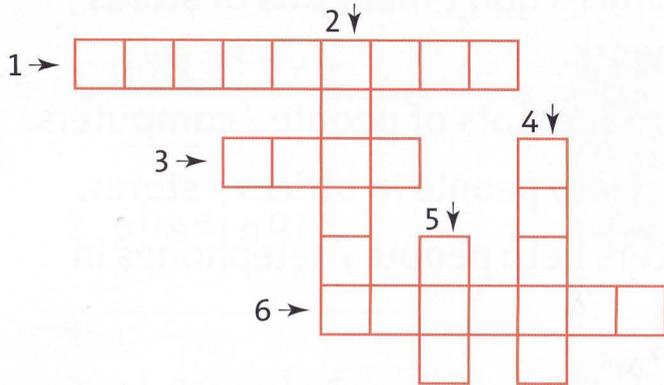
4 Complete the sentences.

- 1 In the morning, _____.
(go / work / people / to)
- 2 Lots of people _____.
(in / offices / work)
- 3 Salesclerks _____.
(work / in / stores)
- 4 When we are in a store, _____.
(help / us / salesclerks)
- 5 Thousands of people _____.
(a / city / work / in)

7 Transportation

← Read pages 16–17.

1 Complete the puzzle.



2 Write true or false.

- 1 In a city, you can walk everywhere. _____
- 2 Cars can be a problem in big cities. _____
- 3 Trams run on tracks. _____
- 4 Trams make lots of pollution. _____
- 5 Underground trains are fast. _____
- 6 There aren't any underground trains in Kiev. _____

3 Complete the sentences.

can't cities don't car station Thousands

- 1 You _____ walk everywhere in the city.
- 2 Lots of people come to cities by _____, so there are traffic jams.
- 3 In some _____ there are trams.
- 4 Trams _____ make pollution.
- 5 _____ of people use underground trains everyday.
- 6 One underground _____ in Kiev is very deep.

4 Order the words.

- 1 to / walk / It's / great / city. / a / in

- 2 transportation. / Many / people / use

- 3 make / Cars / pollution.

- 4 tracks. / on / run / Trams

8 Fun

← Read pages 18–19.

park restaurant
evening theater
afternoon movie

1 Write the words.



1 _____



2 _____



3 _____



4 _____



5 _____



6 _____

2 Write the times.



1



2



3



4

1 It's three o'clock.

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

3 Match.

- 1 It's fun to go to the park
- 2 Some parks
- 3 There are lots of things
- 4 People meet their
- 5 Some people
- 6 At twelve o'clock at night,

to do in the evening.
friends in
restaurants.
many people are
at home.
have a lake.
work at night.
in the afternoon.

4 Answer the questions.

1 Where do people go in the afternoon?

2 What can you do in the park?

3 Where do people go in the evening?

4 Who works at night?

A City Fact File

- 1 Think about your city or a city near you.
- 2 Write a fact file for the city.

What is the name of the city? _____

Is it by an ocean?

Is it on a river?

What buildings are there?

What transportation is there?

What do people do to have fun?

- 3 Make more city fact files.

A Cities Poster

- 1 Complete the charts about cities.

Cities by an Ocean

Sydney in Australia

Cities on Big Rivers

Cities with Old Buildings

Cities with Underground Trains

- 2 Find or draw pictures of the cities. Make a poster.
- 3 Display your poster.

Picture Dictionary



apartment



buildings



buy



children



museum



ocean



office



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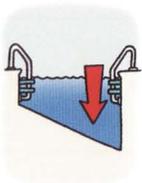
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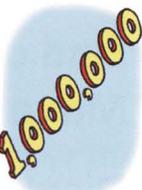
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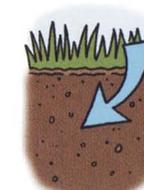
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traffic jam



transportation



underground



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