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UNIT 1

My City

1. Warm up

A. Talk about the picture and read the essay.

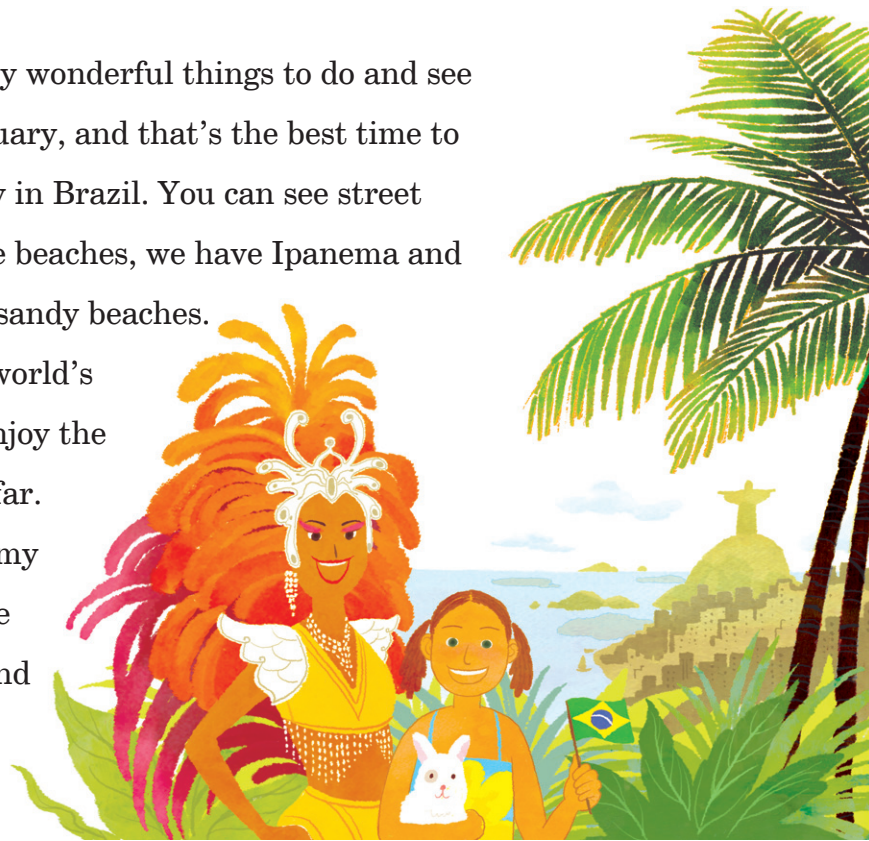
The Marvelous City

I live in Rio de Janeiro. Rio is in the southeast of Brazil. It is the second largest city in the country. It is beautiful and exciting, and it is called “The Marvelous City.”

Like its nickname, there are many wonderful things to do and see in my city. We have Carnival in February, and that’s the best time to visit Rio. Carnival is the biggest party in Brazil. You can see street parades and samba dances. If you like beaches, we have Ipanema and Copacabana. They are world-famous sandy beaches.

We also have Tijuca Forest. It is the world’s largest forest inside a city. You can enjoy the tropical rainforest without traveling far.

I have lived in Rio de Janeiro all my life, and I don’t want to live anywhere else. Not only do I enjoy the nature and excitements in Rio, I also love the friendly people here.



B. Discuss the questions about the essay.

1. What city does Isabel live in? What kind of city is it?
2. What is the city famous for? What can people do and see there?
3. How long has Isabel lived in the city?
4. How does Isabel feel about the city?

2. Practice Vocabulary

A. What city do you live in? Where is it? Look at the map. Choose and complete the sentence.

in the middle of in the south of in the north of near
on the east coast of on the west coast of the capital city of

1. I live in Canberra.

It is _____ the capital city of _____ Australia.

2. I live in Brisbane.

It is _____ the country.

3. I live in Exmouth. It is _____ the country.

4. I live in Newcastle. It is _____ Sydney.

5. I live in Katherine. It is _____ the country.

6. I live in Flinders Ranges. It is _____ the country.

7. I live in Alice Springs. It is _____ Australia.



B. What do you see in the city? Choose and complete the sentence.

beach forest lake mountain river

1. We have a long _____ running through the city. There are many bridges over it.

2. We have a white sandy _____. Many people come for the sun and the waves.

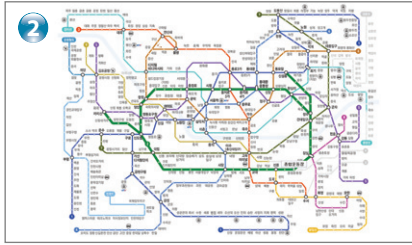
3. We have a rocky _____. You can go rock climbing or ride a cable car to the top.

4. We have a big _____. You can enjoy water sports there.

5. We have a large _____. You can see all kinds of birds and trees.

C. What is special about the city? Look, choose and complete the sentence.

amusement park arts center market place tower palaces buildings statue subway zoo



1. We have an indoor _____. It is the largest in the world.
2. We have a good _____ system. It's the best way to get around the city.
3. We have royal _____. You can see traditional buildings and gardens there.



4. There are many tall _____. They are beautiful to look at, especially at night.
5. We have the Big Buddha. It is a large bronze _____ of Buddha.
6. There is a _____ with many little shops. You can buy anything there.



7. We have a performing _____. You can see operas and classical concerts.
8. We have a city _____. You can see many interesting animals there.
9. Our city has the tallest _____ in the country. You can see the whole city from there.

3. Practice Writing Longer Sentences

A. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

the best the oldest the second largest interesting

1. There are many interesting things to do and see in my city.
2. Spring is _____ time to visit my city.
3. It is one of _____ outdoor markets in the city.
4. Rio de Janeiro is _____ city in Brazil.

friendly tropical the world's largest world-famous

5. Ipanema and Copacabana are _____ sandy beaches.
6. People can see _____ trees like palm trees and banana trees.
7. Lotte World is _____ indoor amusement park in a city.
8. People are very _____ to tourists.

B. Choose and complete the sentence. Discuss your choices.

- with many parks
- without thieves or robbers
- with 10 million people
- without many cars
- with a long history
- without many tall buildings

1. It is a large city with 10 million people.
2. It is a quiet city _____.
3. It is an old city _____.
4. It is a small city _____.
5. It is a safe city _____.
6. It is a beautiful city _____.

4. Practice Writing Details

A. Read the model essay on page 14 again. Match the idea with the details and write the letters.

Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. They are world-famous sandy beaches. b. It is the world's largest forest inside a city. c. Carnival is the biggest party in Brazil. d. You can see street parades and samba dances. e. You can enjoy the tropical rainforest without traveling far.
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<input type="radio"/>	Idea	Details
	1. We have Carnival in February, and that's the best time to visit Rio.	c, d
	2. If you like beaches, we have Ipanema and Copacabana.	
	3. We also have Tijuca Forest.	

B. Choose and write the details of the idea. Make your own sentences for question 4.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer is the most popular sport in my city. • There is a small lake with many ducks. • There is a bike path along the stream. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People can jog or take a walk along the stream. • People can bungee jump in the park. • Over 60,000 people can sit and watch the game.
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<input type="radio"/>	Idea	Details
	1. We have a beautiful stream.	1a
		1b
	2. We have a soccer stadium.	2a
		2b
	3. We have a wonderful city park.	3a
		3b
	4. We have an art museum.	4a
		4b

5. Write Your Beginning Paragraph

The **beginning paragraph** introduces the topic of the essay.

A. Discuss your topic with a partner.

1. What city do you live in? What is your city like? Where is it?
2. What is your city famous for? What can people do and see there?
3. How long have you lived in your city?
4. How do you feel about your city?

B. Read the beginning paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of the Model Essay
• What city do you live in?	I live in Rio de Janeiro.
• Where is your city? What is your city like?	Rio is in the southeast of Brazil.

C. Make a plan for the beginning paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Beginning Paragraph of Your Essay
• What city do you live in?	
• Where is your city? What is your city like?

6. Write Your Middle Paragraph

The **middle paragraph** describes the main idea of the topic.

A. Read the middle paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of the Model Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write the topic sentence. 	<p>There are many wonderful things to do and see in my city.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your city famous for? What is special about your city? What can people do and see there? Write 3 things and explain. 	<p>We have Carnival in February, and that's the best time to visit Rio.</p> <p>If you like beaches, we have Ipanema and Copacabana.</p> <p>We also have Tijuca Forest.</p>

B. Make a plan for the middle paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Middle Paragraph of Your Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write the topic sentence. 	<p>There are many wonderful things to do and see in my city.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your city famous for? What is special about your city? What can people do and see there? Write 3 things and explain. 	Empty space for student input

7. Write Your Ending Paragraph

• The **ending paragraph** adds one last thought to the topic.

A. Read the ending paragraph of the model essay on page 14 again and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of the Model Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long have you lived in your city? 	<p><i>I have lived in Rio de Janeiro all my life, and I don't want to live anywhere else.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you feel about your city? 	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>

B. Make a plan for the ending paragraph of your essay and complete the chart.

○ Writing Guide Questions	Ending Paragraph of Your Essay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long have you lived in your city? 	<p> </p> <p> </p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do you feel about your city? 	<p> </p> <p> </p> <p> </p>

8. Complete Your Essay

>> Photocopy the writing task form on page 113 and complete your essay.

Step 1 Title	Write the title of your essay.
Step 2 Beginning Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 5C and write it.
Step 3 Middle Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 6B and write it.
Step 4 Ending Paragraph	Use the chart in Activity 7B and write it.
Step 5 Revise and Edit	Read your essay and make necessary changes.