

## Casual conversation: Cities

Having trouble with conversation?

This unit will help you speak about the city you come from with fluency.

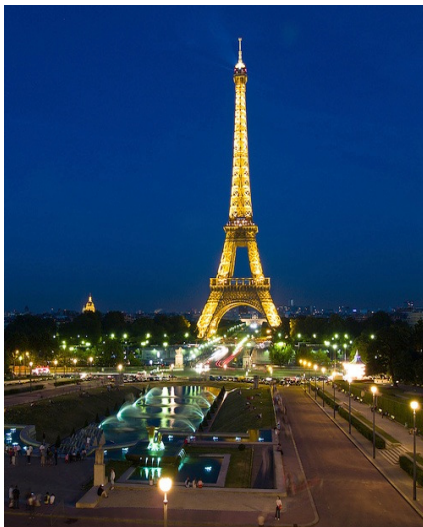
There are two examples with some questions and gap fill exercises. Then it's your turn to describe your own city in worksheet 4. Use these worksheets to build up your vocabulary and add some simple phrases to your future conversations.

Just remember: this unit of work will help you ask and answer questions about cities but you need to go out and practice speaking them with other people if you want the words and phrases to stay in your head!

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Match the city with the picture.

**Singapore**      **Paris**



What do you know about Paris and/or Singapore?

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Imagine you meet someone from Singapore or Paris at your school. What questions could you ask to find out more about the city?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Worksheet 1

**Casual conversation: Pierre talks about his native city.**

**Look at this conversation between Pierre and Yumi and answer the question underneath.**

Yumi: Hello Pierre, I haven't seen you for ages. How are you?

Pierre: Hi Yumi! I'm great. How about you?

Yumi: Not bad thanks. Where do you come from Pierre?

Pierre: Paris, in France.

Yumi: Where's that? Can you show me on the map?

Pierre: Sure. It's not far from London.

Yumi: What's Paris like?

Pierre: It's a very beautiful city. There are some lovely old buildings and interesting sights like the Eiffel Tower. There are also many good restaurants and cafes. There's a big river called the Seine that goes through the city and you can go on a boat along the river.

Yumi: It sounds like a lovely place. What are the people in Paris like?

Pierre: Well, they are friendly if you try to speak a little French but they can be a bit too proud

Yumi: Hmm, What's the food like?

Pierre: Delicious! There are some really nice dishes like quiche and 'Coq au Vin,' which is a chicken and wine dish. I love it. And there are also many great cakes because we have a lot of bakeries in France.

Yumi: I 'm sure I would love Paris because I love eating cakes! What's the weather like?

Pierre: Well, it can be very nice in summer but winters are cold.

Yumi: And... what's the shopping like in Paris?

Pierre: If you like shopping, you will love Paris. It's a shopper's paradise! You can buy some beautiful clothes and lovely perfumes. Paris has a lot of artists so you can buy artworks too.

Yumi: Sounds great. I'd love to go there.

Pierre: Yes, you should go one day.

Yumi: Oh, I didn't realize the time. I have to go. I have to meet a friend.

Pierre: OK. I'll see you later Yumi.

Yumi: OK. See you!

### Questions:

1. How did Yumi ask for a general description of Paris? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pierre gave many descriptive words in his answer. Write some of the adjectives Pierre used to describe Paris. \_\_\_\_\_
3. 'Coq au Vin' is a French name but Pierre describes what it is in English for Yumi. What word does he use to say this? "Coq au Vin, \_\_\_\_\_ is a chicken and wine dish"
4. Why does Yumi end the conversation? \_\_\_\_\_

## Worksheet 2

### Casual conversation: Andrew talks about his native city.

Look at this conversation between Andrew and Karen. Practice saying the conversation with a partner or by yourself out loud. Try to remember some of the lines.

Karen: Hello Andrew, I haven't seen you for ages. How are you?

Andrew: Hi Karen! I'm great. How about you?

Karen: Not bad, thanks. Where do you come from Andrew?

Andrew: Singapore.

Karen: Where's that? Can you show me on the map?

Andrew: Sure. It's here, not far from Malaysia.

Karen: What's Singapore like?

Andrew: It's a very interesting city. There are some great outdoor markets and interesting sights like The Singapore Lion. There is an island called Sentosa that has a lot of theme parks and tourist sights such as a war museum. It even has a beach. There are also many good outdoor street restaurants all over Singapore. It is an important place for trade so you can see many container ships.

Karen: It sounds like a lovely place. What are the people in Singapore like?

Andrew: Well, they are mostly friendly people but they are always rushing. Everybody is busy in Singapore, even the children.

Karen: Hmm, What's the food like?

Andrew: Delicious!. Singapore has a huge range of cuisines such as Chinese, Indian, Malay and nonya. There are some really nice curries from India and great stir-fry and dumpling dishes from China. The Malay dishes are spicy. My favourite dish is called Keow Tao which is a dry noodle dish.. I love it. I didn't like the sweets much.

Karen: I'm sure I would love Singapore because I love eating curries! What's the weather like?

Andrew: Well, it's about 31 degrees all year round. It is quite humid but you get used to it. Singapore doesn't have seasons like here in Australia because it's right on the equator. Instead there is the rainy season. During this time it pours every afternoon for a few hours. .

Karen: And... what's the shopping like in Singapore?

Andrew: If you like shopping, you will love Singapore. It is a shopper's paradise! You can buy some anything you want but watches and jewelery are especially cheap. There are many designer clothes shops.

Karen: Sounds great. I'd love to go there. Maybe I will go there one day.

Andrew: Yes, you should go one day. You'd love it.

Karen: OK, I will. Oh, I didn't realize the time. I have to go. I have to catch my bus.

Andrew: OK. See you Karen. I'll see you at school tomorrow

Karen: OK. Catch you later!

### Worksheet 3

**Casual conversation: Andrew talks about his native city.**

**Fill in the gaps of this conversation between Andrew and Karen.**

**Check your answers on worksheet 2**

Karen: Hello Andrew, I \_\_\_\_\_ seen you for ages. How are you?

Andrew: Hi Karen!. I'm great. \_\_\_\_\_ about you?

Karen: Not \_\_\_\_\_, thanks. Where \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew?

Andrew: Singapore.

Karen: Where's \_\_\_\_\_? Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ the map?

Andrew: Sure. It's here, not \_\_\_\_\_ Malaysia.

Karen: What's Singapore like?

Andrew: It's a very interesting city. There are \_\_\_\_\_ great outdoor markets and interesting sights \_\_\_\_\_ the Singapore Lion. There \_\_\_\_\_ an island called Sentosa that \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of theme parks and tourist sights \_\_\_\_\_ a beach . There \_\_\_\_\_ also many good outdoor street restaurants. It \_\_\_\_\_ an important place for trade so you \_\_\_\_\_ see many container ships.

Karen: It \_\_\_\_\_ like a lovely place. What \_\_\_\_\_ the people \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore like?

Andrew: Well, they \_\_\_\_\_ friendly people but they are always rushing. Everybody \_\_\_\_\_ busy \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore, even the children.

Karen: Hmm, What's \_\_\_\_\_ food like?

Andrew: Delicious! Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ huge range of cuisines \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese, Indian, Malay and nonya. There \_\_\_\_\_ some really nice curries from India and great stir-fry and dumpling dishes \_\_\_\_\_ China. The Malay dishes \_\_\_\_\_ spicy. My favourite dish \_\_\_\_\_ called Keow Tao which \_\_\_\_\_ a dry noodle dish.. I love it. I didn't like the sweets much.

Karen: I'm sure I would love Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ I love eating curries! \_\_\_\_\_ the weather like?

Andrew: Well, \_\_\_\_\_ about 31 degrees all year round. \_\_\_\_\_ quite humid but you get used to it. Singapore doesn't have seasons like here \_\_\_\_\_ Australia \_\_\_\_\_ it's right on the equator. Instead there is \_\_\_\_\_ rainy season. During this time it pours every afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ a few hours. .

Karen: And... what's the shopping like in Paris?

Andrew: If you like shopping, you will love Singapore. It is a shopper's paradise! You \_\_\_\_\_ buy some anything you want but watches and jewellery \_\_\_\_\_ especially cheap. There \_\_\_\_\_ many designer clothes shops.

Karen: Sounds great. I'd love \_\_\_\_\_ there. Maybe I \_\_\_\_\_ go there one day.

Andrew: Yes, you \_\_\_\_\_ go one day. You'd love \_\_\_\_\_.

Karen: OK, I will. Oh, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the time. I have to go. I \_\_\_\_\_ catch my bus.

Andrew: OK. See you Karen, I'll see you \_\_\_\_\_ school tomorrow

Karen: OK. Catch you later!

## Worksheet 4

### Casual conversation: talking about your native city.

Now it's your turn to talk about the city you come from. Use the conversations of Pierre with Yumi and Andrew with Karen to help you write your own conversation below.

Friend: *Hello \_\_\_\_\_, I haven't seen you for ages. How are you?*

You: Hi \_\_\_\_\_! \_\_\_\_\_ How about you?

Friend: *Not bad, thanks. Where do you come from \_\_\_\_\_?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_.

Friend: *Where's that? Can you show me on the map?*

You: Sure. It's here, not far from \_\_\_\_\_.

Friend: *What's \_\_\_\_\_ like?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Friend: *It sounds like a lovely place. What are the people like?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Friend: *Hmm, What's the food like?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Friend: *I 'm sure I would love \_\_\_\_\_ because I love eating \_\_\_\_\_! What's the weather like?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Friend: *And...what's the shopping like in \_\_\_\_\_?*

You: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Friend: *Sounds great. I'd love to go there. Maybe I will go there one day.*

You: Yes, you should go one day. You'd love it

Friend: *OK, I will. Oh, I didn't realize the time. I better go. I have to \_\_\_\_\_.*

You: OK. I'll see you at school tomorrow.

Friend: *OK. See you!*

## Worksheet 5

### Right or wrong?

Look at the sentences below. Are they correct?

If the sentence is correct, tick it.

If it is incorrect, circle the mistake and write the sentence out correctly underneath.

1. I haven't seen you for ages.
2. What's the shopping like on your city?
3. Can you show me on the map?
4. You should go there one day.
5. I'd love to went there.
6. See you on school tomorrow.
7. It sounds like a lovely place.
8. What's the food like?
9. I'm sure I would love it because I love eating cakes.
10. Maybe I will go there one days.
11. What are the weather like?
12. I didn't realize the time. I better go.
13. There has some really nice curries from India.
14. My favourite dish are called Keow Tao.
15. I love eating curries.
16. It's about 31 degrees all year round.
17. It has huge range of cuisines.
18. There are some great outdoor restaurants.
19. Everybody is busy at Singapore.
20. There is an island called Sentosa that has a lot of themes parks

## Answers

### Worksheet 1

1. What's Paris like?
2. Lovely, interesting, good, big,, etc
3. "Coq ua Vin, which is a chicken and wine dish"
4. She has to meet a friend.

### Worksheet 5

1. I haven't seen you for ages. (right)
2. What's the shopping like in your city?
3. Can you show me on the map? (right)
4. You should go there one day. (right)
5. I'd love to go there.
6. See you at school tomorrow.
7. It sounds like a lovely place. (right)
8. What's the food like? (right)
9. I'm sure I would love it because I love eating cakes. (right)
10. Maybe I will go there one day.
11. What's the weather like?
12. I didn't realize the time. I better go. (right)
13. There are some really nice curries from India.
14. My favourite dish is called Keow Tao.
15. I love eating curries. (right)
16. It's about 31 degrees all year round. (right)
17. It has a huge range of cuisines.
18. There are some great outdoor restaurants. (right)
19. Everybody is busy in Singapore.
20. There is an island called Sentosa that has a lot of themes parks. (right)