

# Fun For Reading

## A Fun Reading Activity To Help Learners Writer

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### Activity Sheet Instructions

- Print out the two-page worksheet with a reading about San Francisco that follows, and make enough copies for your students. (You will notice that the topic sentence has been separated from the supporting sentences.)
- Cut the worksheet along the dotted lines and mix up the pieces of paper
- Put your learners in small groups
- Give the mixed up sentences to each group
- Ask them to re-arrange the sentences and put them in the correct order
- The students can then answer the questions on the following page
- When they have successfully completed the task, elicit from the students why they placed the sentences in that order.
- You could then talk a little about the organization of paragraphs and ask the students to write their own paragraph on a city of their choice.



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### San Francisco



San Francisco is the fourth biggest city in California and the 13th biggest city in America.

It has a population of about 805,000 people. San Francisco has a land area of 46.7 square miles, and it has a density of about 17,000 people per square mile.

San Francisco is a popular tourist spot.

Some famous places to visit include The Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, and Chinatown. Alcatraz Prison is also one of the city's most popular sights. Many famous films have been made about the criminals who lived in it or tried to escape from it. For people planning on doing many activities in San Francisco, buying a multi-attraction pass is a good idea. Buy a pass for a fixed price and you can visit many different places there.

Tourism is vital for the San Francisco economy.

San Francisco, as often shown in movies and popular culture, has made the city famous. San Francisco attracts the third-highest number of foreign tourists of any city in America. In 2014, tourists in San Francisco spent \$9.4 billion. This was a new record. Most of the money was spent on hotels, shopping, food, entertainment and transport.

San Francisco is also a banking and finance center.

It is the home to more than 30 international financial companies. In the world's top producing cities San Francisco is in 18th place, it is 9th in the United States, and 15th place in the top 20 global financial centers.

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1. According to the article, which of the following statements is true?
  - a) San Francisco is the biggest city in America
  - b) San Francisco is the fourth biggest city in California
  - c) San Francisco is the fourth biggest city in America
  - d) San Francisco is the 13th biggest city in California
2. In paragraph 1, “it” refers to:
  - a) California
  - b) America
  - c) Chinatown
  - d) San Francisco
3. The word “spot” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) shot
  - b) hole
  - c) find
  - d) place
4. According to the article, which place has had many movies made about it?
  - a) Alcatraz
  - b) Chinatown
  - c) The Golden Gate Bridge
  - d) Fisherman’s Wharf
5. The word “fixed” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) set
  - b) soft
  - c) lost
  - d) fitted
6. In paragraph 1, “there” refers to:
  - a) Chinatown
  - b) The Golden Gate Bridge
  - c) San Francisco
  - d) Alcatraz
7. The word “vital” in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to:
  - a) useless
  - b) dangerous
  - c) essential
  - d) lively
8. According to the article, how many international financial companies are located in San Francisco?
  - a) about 20
  - b) less than 15
  - c) more than 30
  - d) only 9

Answers: 1.(b) 2.(b) 3.(d) 4.(a) 5.(a) 6.(c) 7.(c) 8.(c)