



São Paulo is the largest city in South America and the third most populous of the world, with more than 10 million **inhabitants**. It is the economical capital of Brazil and a very busy place. It is also the richest in culture, parks and museums.

São Paulo is centered around the *Praça da Sé*, where there is a stone mark symbolizing the “point zero” of the city. The subway system is cheap and efficient but it covers only a few areas of the city, although extensions are being made. The most interesting neighborhoods and places to visit include *Jardins*, *Itaim* and The *Ibirapuera* Park.

The **main** tourist attractions in the city include the different neighborhoods with their special Italian, Japanese or Arabic influence. They have their own characteristic atmosphere and it is a lot of fun to walk around, go to one of the many small restaurants or have a drink somewhere.

Brazilians say that *Paulistanos* (*São Paulo* locals) live to work and to eat which is certainly true. Food in *São Paulo* is the best in the country. You can find it from a variety of restaurants from the simplest delivery place to the fine expensive ones.

São Paulo is also very much a party town. You can get **stuck** in the traffic in the middle of the night when party animals return from their hunt.

Automotive traffic in *São Paulo* is complicated, especially in main routes all along the weekdays and gets worse at rush hours (from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.). On the weekend traffic is good with some **impediments** in places where there are bars, shopping centers or other public attractions.

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São Paulo has the largest underground transportation system in Brazil the “Metro”. However, it is not as **comprehensive** as the trains in Europe or North America but it covers the most important areas.

A) After you have read the previous text, read the next questions and choose the most accurate one.

1. What time does the traffic get worse in *São Paulo* ?
 - a) It gets worse during rush hours.
 - b) From 8 to 10 a.m. only.
 - c) In the mornings, from 8 to 10 a.m. and in the evenings from 6 to 8. p.m.
2. Where is *São Paulo* located?
 - a) *São Paulo* is between *Itaim* and *Ibirapuera* park.
 - b) It is centered where there is a Stone Mark .
 - c) It is near a beach.
- 3) Why is *São Paulo* the largest city in South America?
 - a) Because of the amount of inhabitants, it has more than 10 million people.
 - b) Because it has a variety in museums and parks which attracts many tourists.
 - c) Because of its growing economics and rich culture.
- 4) Who are the *Paulistanos* ?
 - a) People who work in popular restaurants around *São Paulo*.
 - b) The local people from the largest city of South America.
 - c) It is not mentioned in the text.
- 5) What are the most interesting neighborhoods in the city?
 - a) *Jardins* and *Itaim* are included as the most fascinating ones.
 - b) There is only one which is *Praça da Sé*.
 - c) The most interesting ones are those who have foreign influences.



B) Find a synonym for the next words in the text, the words are in **bold**:

Inhabitants	a.Laborers	b. Person	c. Animals	d. People
Main	a.Unimportant	b .Mild	c. Principal	d. Intensity
Impediments	a. Benefits	b.Complications	c.Assistance	d. Aid
Stuck	a. Confused	b.Perplexed	c.Progress	d.Trapped
Comprehensive	a. Understandable	b.Complete	c. Exclusive	d. Unlimited

Brainstorming

1.1 Answer the following questions about your city:

1. What is the name of your city?

2. Where is it?

3. What is the city like?

4. How big is the city?

5. What is the best thing about it?

2. Checking your vocabulary

1.2 Write the adjectives in the correct column. Some can go in more than one column.

Modern, new, huge, beautiful, elegant, tall, big, quiet, rich, polluted, dangerous, fantastic, old, ugly, small, noisy, poor, safe, wonderful, sunny, dry, exciting, wet, busy, cold, luxurious, crowded, hot, interesting, cosmopolitan, windy.

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1.3 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the adjective.

1. London is the _____ (big/bigger/biggest) city in the United Kingdom.

2. Manchester is _____ (wet/wetter/wettest) than Rome.

3. Moscow is _____ (cold than/colder than/cold as) Munich.

4. I think that Istanbul is the _____ (more beautiful/most beautiful /beautifullest) city in the world.

5. In my opinion, Tokyo is _____ (more interesting than/most interesting) Mumbai.

2. Read through this text about Prague and decide on the best answer for each blank.

Prague

Prague is one of the (1) _____ popular tourist destinations in Europe. After all the political changes of the early 1990's, the capital of the Czech Republic began to take advantage of its beautiful cultural and architectural heritage to attract _____(2) tourists than ever before.



Prague is a _____(3) city than many people imagine and it is _____(4) easy to move around this wonderful city on foot. Public transport is _____(5) in Prague than in _____(6) other European cities but it is often _____ (7) to walk, enabling you to appreciate marvelous buildings you might have missed if you had been sitting on a bus or a train.

_____ (8) people leave the city of Prague without commenting on the splendid food and drink available here. Eating out here is a _____(9) than it used to be but you can still have a three course meal for around \$15 without any problems.



