

Teaching English lesson

Describing a city

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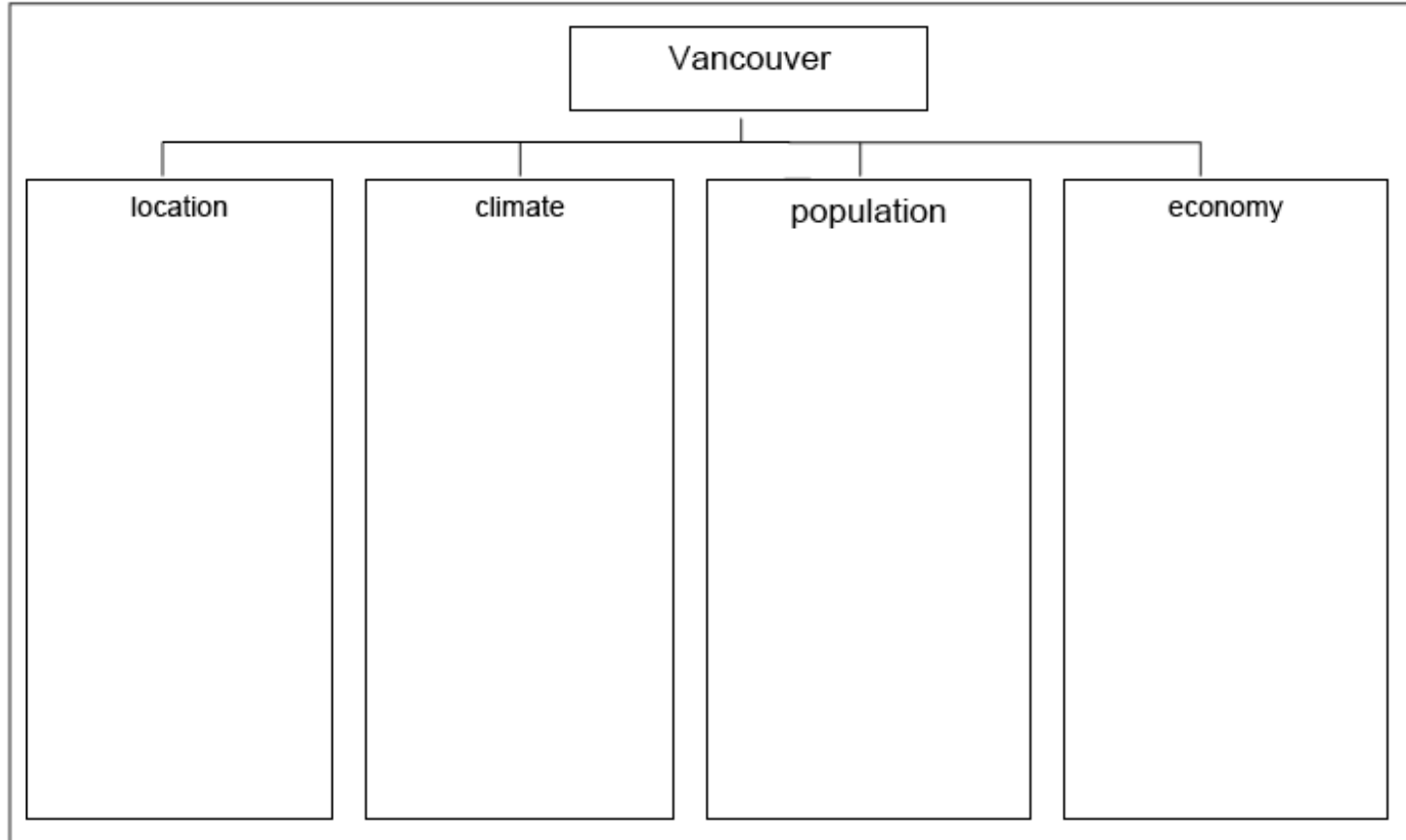
Lead-in: Look at the photo. Can you guess what the city is?



- What do you know about the city?
- What does the photo tell you about the city?

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Task 1: Predict what you will hear in the text about Vancouver, using the different categories to make notes.



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Task 2: Read the texts about Vancouver.

Location and climate

Vancouver is located in the southwest corner of Canada in the province of British Columbia, at about 49° latitude and 123° longitude, next to the Pacific Ocean. Vancouver is surrounded by water on three sides and overlooked by the Coast Range mountains that rise abruptly to more than 1,500m. Its climate is one of the mildest in Canada. Temperatures average 3°C in January and 18°C in July. Vancouver's average annual precipitation is 1,219 mm. Most rainfall occurs in winter.

Population

With a population of about 662,248 (according to the 2021 census), Vancouver lies in an urban area of more than 2 million people. Vancouver is the largest city in the province of British Columbia and the third largest metropolitan area in Canada. The metropolitan area covers more than 900 square kilometres.

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Task 4: Check the meanings of these words.

- primary
- expanded
- range
- domestic
- network
- output
- located
- diversified
- generate
- partners

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Task 5: Complete the text about Vancouver's economy using the words from Task 4.

As the main western terminus of Canada's transcontinental highway and rail _____, Vancouver is the _____ city of western Canada, as well as one of the nation's largest industrial centres. The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest and most _____ port, trading more than \$172 billion in goods with more than 160 trading _____ annually. Port activities _____ 115,300 jobs in total with \$9.7 billion in gross _____ product and \$20.3 billion in economic _____. Vancouver's central area has 60% of the region's office space and is home to headquarters of forest products and mining companies as well as branches of national and international banks, accounting and law firms. In recent years, Vancouver has _____ as a centre for software development, biotechnology and the film industry. Two of the Port of Vancouver's container docks are _____ in the city. The Fraser River has barge and log traffic serving forestry and other water related industries. Around 7.3 square kilometres of industrial land provide an important _____ of support services, manufacturing and wholesale premises for businesses throughout the city and region.

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