

Edinburgh

Activity 1

What do the following numbers refer to?

0 _____

20's _____

13 million _____

450,000 _____

1 _____

3 _____



Activity 2

Answer the following questions:

* Where do the locals go to get some fresh air?

* Which European city shares the same latitude as Edinburgh?

* Some people say it's similar to which European city?

* What time should you visit the castle if you want to see an old tradition?

* What is Hogmanay?

* If you come here with a beautiful small baby what might you hear someone describe it as?

Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps:

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland and is in the south-east _____ of the country. Approximately 450,000 people live in this most _____ city, which is also home to the Scottish parliament. It was built on an extinct volcano, part of _____ is called Arthur's Seat, a green hill where many of the city's residents go in their free time to walk, relax and get some fresh air.

The _____ here is mild, rarely below 0° in the winter and reaching the mid-twenties in the summer. This is _____ when you consider that it is on the same latitude as Moscow!

When you walk around the city you'll _____ the National Gallery among other buildings with a very particular architectural _____. You can now understand why Edinburgh is _____ called 'The Athens of the North' - it's certainly not for the climate!

There's a lot to do here and when _____ people arrive they immediately go to The Royal _____. This is the historic centre of the city. At one end is the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the _____ home of The Queen when she is in Scotland. At the other end is the wonderful Edinburgh _____. If you visit from Monday to Saturday around _____ you'll hear the One O'clock Gun, a canon which is _____ now to maintain the tradition but was previously a time signal to the ships in the _____.

The _____ of the old town is simply great, full of Scottish charm and with a truly unique atmosphere. _____, sooner or later you must leave here and visit the new town, a series of streets built to a _____ system with predominantly Georgian architecture. The main shopping street is Princes Street, full of _____ stores and souvenir shops. Take something tartan home with you.

If you come here in August you'll be _____ enough to experience the Edinburgh Festival, a 3 week long arts festival where every venue hosts shows all day and the streets are _____ with street performers of all kinds. But don't expect to find _____ at this time unless you book a long time in advance.



If you are in Edinburgh on the 31st December you'll celebrate Hogmanay, the traditional Scottish way to _____ the New Year. I can assure you that it's _____.

13 million people visit every year, second in the UK only to London, but you never feel that you are in a _____ place. The people are _____, the atmosphere special and you're sure to want to come back.

Oh, and finally - you'll _____ hear the following local words. Wee means small, bonny means _____, aye is yes and bairn is a baby.

Transcript

Edinburgh is the capital city of Scotland and is in the south-east corner of the country. Approximately 450,000 people live in this most charming city, which is also home to the Scottish parliament. It was built on an extinct volcano, part of which is called Arthur's Seat, a green hill where many of the city's residents go in their free time to walk, relax and get some fresh air.

The climate here is mild, rarely below 0° in the winter and reaching the mid-twenties in the summer. This is surprising when you consider that it is on the same latitude as Moscow!

When you walk around the city you'll notice the National Gallery among other buildings with a very particular architectural style. You can now understand why Edinburgh is sometimes called 'The Athens of the North' - it's certainly not for the climate!



There's a lot to do here and when most people arrive they immediately go to The Royal Mile. This is the historic centre of the city. At one end is the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official home of The Queen when she is in Scotland. At the other end is the wonderful Edinburgh Castle. If you visit from Monday to Saturday around lunchtime you'll hear the One O'clock Gun, a canon which is fired now to maintain the tradition but was previously a time signal to the ships

in the harbour.

The whole of the old town is simply great, full of Scottish charm and with a truly unique atmosphere. However, sooner or later you must leave here and visit the new town, a series of streets built to a grid system with predominantly Georgian architecture. The main shopping street is Princes Street, full of chain stores and souvenir shops. Take something tartan home with you.

If you come here in August you'll be lucky enough to experience the Edinburgh Festival, a 3 week long arts festival where every venue hosts shows all day and the streets are alive with street performers of all kinds. But don't expect to find accommodation at this time unless you book a long time in advance.

If you are in Edinburgh on the 31st December you'll celebrate Hogmanay, the traditional Scottish way to welcome the New Year. I can assure you that it's unforgettable.

13 million people visit every year, second in the UK only to London, but you never feel that you are in a crowded place. The people are warm, the atmosphere special and you're sure to want to come back.

Oh, and finally - you'll commonly hear the following local words. Wee means small, bonny means beautiful, aye is yes and bairn is a baby.