

Seattle

Activity 1 - Are these statements True (T) or False (F)?

1. Driving at 70 kilometres per hour, you can get from Seattle to Vancouver in 2 hours. _____
2. The first main industry was gold prospecting. _____
3. Boeing has it's headquarters in Seattle. _____
4. The Space Needle is over 45 years old. _____
5. Boulevard is another name for an Avenue _____
6. There is no North East district in Seattle _____
7. Jimi Hendrix died in Seattle _____



Activity 2

Answer the following questions:

1. How many people live in Seattle?

2. Which industry replaced shipbuilding in the city?

3. How tall is the Space Needle?

4. How long does the restaurant take to rotate twice?

5. When was it built?

6. What are the seven zones of the city?

7. Is the Museum of Flight on a north-south road or an east-west road?

8. What sport do the Mariners play?

Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps

Seattle is the 23rd largest city in The USA with a population of 573,000, making it _____ smaller than Milwaukee but a little larger than Boston. You can find Seattle in the north west _____ of the country, not so far from the Canadian city of Vancouver, just under 200 kilometres, in fact.

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