

Las Vegas

Activity 1

Listen for words or phrases which mean the same as:

Became successful \ established _____

Family _____

Priest _____

Authorised _____

Completely full _____

Single \ individual _____

A large number of _____

Activity 2

Answer these questions:

1. When was gambling legalized in Las Vegas?

2. How many gallons of water does a Las Vegas family consume in one day?

3. If 800,000 people live in Las Vegas, how many slot machines are there?

4. How many of the world's top twenty hotels are not in Las Vegas?

5. How many consecutive shows did Elvis Presley sell out in Vegas?

6. How many people bought tickets for the Barbara Streisand concert in 1999?

7. How much did they pay per head?



Activity 3

Listen and complete the gaps:

Las Vegas is the _____ capital of the USA. It's a city literally built from nothing in the middle of Mojave desert. It became a city in 1911 and really took off twenty years later when gambling was legalized. Here are some completely _____ facts and figures that you really don't need to know but you might find interesting anyway.

The average Las Vegas Valley _____ consumes about 230,000 gallons of water a year. That's 4230 per week, and 602 per day! What do they do with it?

The famous Las Vegas Strip, where you can find all the _____ casinos, is not actually located in the city of Las Vegas.



There is one slot machine in Las Vegas for every 8 people who live there.

_____ of the top twenty hotels in the world are found in Las Vegas.

The average annual temperature in Las Vegas is 66 degrees _____, or 19 centigrade.

On average, approximately 230 _____ licenses are issued per day in Las Vegas. In some cases you can get married and you don't even need to get out of your car - you just drive in and drive out again. Or your ceremony can even be conducted by a _____ dressed as Elvis Presley.

Talking of whom, Elvis 'The Pelvis' Presley performed in 837 consecutive _____ shows at the Las Vegas Hilton Casino.

The all-time one-off concert box-office record occurred in Las Vegas. The show took place on New Years Eve 1999 for the Barbra Streisand concert, at the MGM Grand. The total receipts were \$14,694,750.00 from 12,477 tickets sold. That's an average ticket price of \$_____.

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Transcript



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