

Unit 1 People and places

Where does Dominique live?





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Hello! My name is Dominique and I live in a very small country with one of the smallest capital cities in the world. It's warm and sunny all year round with some rain from December to February. About 150,000 tourists from Germany, England, Italy, Spain, Russia, and many other countries come to visit us each year. We have some very good hotels and famous seafood restaurants, and also bed and breakfasts, pubs and snack bars. The countryside is absolutely fascinating: there are high mountains with tropical rain forests and lots of colourful birds; but what my country is really famous for is the white sandy beaches.

I work as a park ranger in the biggest national park on the main island. When you come to visit us you can go hiking in the mountains with me or swim and windsurf. Diving and snorkelling are great fun with all the beautiful fish! We speak English and French, but our own language is called Creole. My country has 115 tropical islands in the Indian ocean, and the capital city's named after one of the most famous British queens. So, now do you know where I live?

Are these statements true or false?

1) Dominique's home country has got many big cities.	True / False
2) It doesn't rain in her country.	True / False
3) There are lots of fantastic beaches.	True / False
4) You can go hiking with Dominique.	True / False
5) Dominique works at a restaurant.	True / False
6) It's a great place for water sports.	True / False
7) Dominique doesn't like her country very much.	True / False

Where does Dominique live?

Country	Capital city
a) India	New Delhi
b) The Philippines	Manila
c) The Seychelles	Victoria

Would you like to live in this country? Talk to your partner(s) and report.



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Teacher's notes

Preparation:

Copy one sheet for each student.

In class:

You can do this activity individually or in pairs / small groups.

Hand out a sheet to each student. Students read the blog and find the solutions to the true / false task. They should discuss and compare answers. After that students should discuss where they think Dominique lives, and finally if they would like to live there, too. Encourage a conversation about why they would like to live there, under which conditions, how they would earn their money, etc.

Answers:

1) Dominique's home country has got many big cities.	False
2) It doesn't rain in her country.	False
3) There are lots of fantastic beaches.	True
4) You can go hiking with Dominique.	True
5) Dominique works at a restaurant.	False
6) Her home country is a great place for water sports.	True
7) Dominique doesn't like her country very much.	False

Country Capital city

c) The Seychelles Victoria