

Fun Bits 2

Multicultural Hong Kong

People from different cultural backgrounds live together in Hong Kong. Let's learn more about this amazing city.



Languages

You can hear a wide range of languages as you walk down the streets in Hong Kong. 88% of Hong Kong people speak Cantonese, while Mandarin and English speakers are also common. Workers and tourists who come from abroad also bring in their own languages, such as Korean, Hindi and Indonesian.

Food

Hong Kong has the name of 'food paradise' because people can find all kinds of food they want in this city. Besides normal Asian food like Chinese dumplings and Japanese sushi, you can also find Western cuisine such as American hamburgers and Italian pizzas everywhere. For local food, street stalls and Dai Pai Dong are some good places to visit.



A Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) in each box.

1. British culture has influenced the design of some buildings in Hong Kong.
2. 12% of people in Hong Kong speak languages other than Cantonese.
3. Hong Kong is called a 'food paradise' because the food there is yummy.
4. The Clock Tower has been in Tsim Sha Tsui for a long time.
5. People can try sushi at street stalls and Dai Pai Dong in Hong Kong.

Architecture



There are many traditional Chinese buildings in Hong Kong. However, since Hong Kong was under British rule between 1841 and 1997, building design influenced by British architecture is common too. Although the government cleared a lot of old buildings to build modern skyscrapers, it has also worked hard to preserve some historical buildings, including the Former Kowloon-Canton Railway Clock Tower in Tsim Sha Tsui. It is now a popular tourist attraction.

B Read the hints and complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words from the text.

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Hints:

- It is a _____ custom for Chinese people to wear red clothes during Chinese New Year.
- Global warming is getting serious. It's time to do something to _____ the environment.
- Peter is a wonderful chef. He is good at cooking both Chinese and Western _____.
- Many _____ visit Hong Kong every year.
- My family travels _____ every summer. We have been to many countries, such as Thailand, Australia and Japan.

STEAM Highlights

How many years was Hong Kong under British rule? (Find the answer from the text and check it on P.72.)