

## Name that city: The cost of living

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## Kuala Lumpur

## Cost of Living

- One-litre bottle of water: RM3.50 (£0.61)
- 0.5 litre bottle of domestic beer: RM6 (£1.05)
- Financial Times newspaper: RM15.44 (£2.70)
- City-centre bus ticket: RM2.00 (£0.35)
- Adult football ticket: RM15.00 (£2.62)
- Three-course meal for two: RM80.00 (£13.99)



## Sydney

## Cost of Living

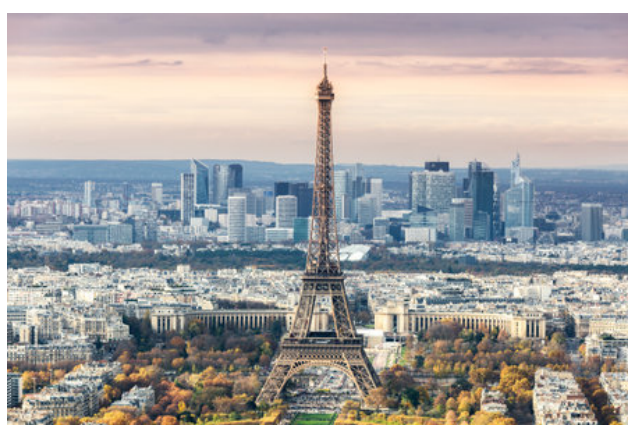
- One-litre bottle of water: A\$0.85 (£0.45)
- 0.5-litre bottle of domestic beer: A\$5.24 (£2.80)
- Financial Times newspaper: A\$5.05 (£2.70)
- City-centre bus ticket: A\$4.00 (£2.14)
- Adult football ticket: A\$25.00 (£13.37)
- Three-course meal for two: A\$100 (£53.50)



## Cairo

## Cost of Living

- One-litre bottle of water: 5.25EG£ (£0.24)
- 0.5-litre bottle of domestic beer: 28.56EG£ (£1.32)
- Financial Times newspaper: 58.41EG£ (£2.70)
- City-centre bus ticket: 5.00EG£ (£0.23)
- Adult football ticket: 15.00EG£ (£0.69)
- Three-course meal for two: 365.00EG£ (£53.50)



## Paris

## Cost of Living

- One-litre bottle of water: 0.87€ (£0.75)
- 0.5-litre bottle of domestic beer: 7.50€ (£6.45)
- Financial Times newspaper: 3.14€ (£2.70)
- City-centre bus ticket: 1.90€ (1.63)
- Adult football ticket: 490€ (£421.40)
- Three-course meal for two: 60.00€ (£51.60)

## A. Brainstorm that city

Cairo

Kuala Lumpur

Sydney

Paris

Think about the cities above and discuss in groups...

- ... if you have visited any of them.
- ... which continent they are in.
- ... whether they are their country's capital city.
- ... what each city is famous for.
- ... whether you expect them to be cheaper or more expensive than your home country.

## B. Guess that city

Your teacher will give you a short description of each city. See if you can guess which one is which and write the name of the city in the space provided.

Compare your answers with your partner and explain which words, phrases or sentences helped you decide which city was which.

## C. Predicting Costs

Paris

Cairo

Sydney

Kuala Lumpur

The cost of living varies from place to place, have you noticed. Your teacher is going to give you information on the cost of water, beer, a meal, a football ticket etc. in each city. This information will give you an idea of how expensive it is to live in each city and a basis for deciding which is the most expensive city to live in which is the cheapest. Without looking, what do you expect to find?

### Predicted Order

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Real Order

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (4) \_\_\_\_\_

## D. Study that city: compare & share

Kuala Lumpur

Paris

Cairo

Sydney

Study the facts and prepare to speak:

Look at the information again. Feel free to draw, circle, underline or highlight anything which is as you expected (e.g. water / cheaper / than Paris), and anything which surprised you (e.g. food / Sydney / more expensive). Make notes below on anything you want to mention in the discussion:

## Not Surprised

*As I expected:*

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*As I thought:*

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*I am not surprised that:*

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## Surprised

*It's hard to believe:*

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*I am surprised that:*

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*I wouldn't have thought:*

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## E. Discuss and present on the issues

**Make notes on the following questions in small groups then present your ideas to the class:**

1. Can you explain why the same products have such different costs internationally? Which of the products might be made locally and which imported?
2. Who benefits most from this inequality? Is there a clear 'winner' economically?
3. What are the disadvantages for the people a) where the cost of living is high? b) where the cost of living is low?
4. Is there anything that could be done to make the lives of those struggling any easier? Is there a clear plan of action that would definitely help?

## F. Name that city

**Read the descriptions and write the name of the city.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
While this is the country's oldest city and also one of its major economic centres, it is not the capital. As well as fantastic beaches and loads of sun, the city boasts huge skyscrapers, friendly people and great restaurants. Possessing a great energy, this place has come a long way since its beginning as a penal colony.
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
This is a loud and heavily populated city. It's an unpredictable place, absolutely full of people with a real intensity about it: you will either love it or hate it. New tower blocks stand next to traditional houses made of sun-baked mud, with some of the oldest and most famous monuments in the world visible from the city centre. Why try and be so modern when your city is famous for having something so old?
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Home to almost 2 million people, this lively, colourful capital has been built up from virtually nothing in 130 years. It is currently home to the tallest building in the world, comprised of two huge towers as well as many modern buildings crafted with an Islamic flavour to their design. Tradition has not been forgotten here, though, as is evidenced in the thriving night markets and street life all over the city.
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
A place of world-class food, museums and architecture and considered the most romantic city in the world by some, this capital city demands to be photographed, painted and enjoyed by the young and not-so-young alike. Lights upon the river at night attract couples from all over the world to honeymoon or rediscover their love for one another. And for art lovers, it is home to some of the finest masterpieces in the world. Visiting all of the city's museums would take at least a month.