

4D Know it all! Venice

1 Venice is very unusual. Look at the pictures. What can you see there? What can't you see that there is in other cities?

1 Venice is a very strange city. It has the shape of a fish! It is more than 1,000 years old and it has many famous buildings. In the past, it was a very important city in the world.



2 Venice doesn't have normal streets. There are no cars, buses, taxis or trucks. Instead, there are canals and boats! There are more than 200 canals and more than 400 bridges.



3 The houses don't stand on the ground! There is only sand in Venice and it is impossible to build on that. The people pushed wood into the ground and then built their houses.



4 In the past, everyone traveled in long, thin boats, called gondolas. The gondolier (who controls the gondola) stands up and uses only one oar to move the boat. Now, most people use motorboats but you can still see gondolas.



5 Venice has many festivals. During *carnevale*, in February, people wear special clothes and masks. Long ago, they used the masks so that nobody knew them at the parties!



6 In September, they have the regatta. Very old boats race on the widest canal in Venice and everybody wears historical clothes from 500 years ago.

2 Work with a friend. One of you is A and the other is B. Read your questions. Find the answers in the text in Exercise 1 and tell your friend.

- A

 - 1 What is strange about Venice?
 - 2 What is under the houses?
 - 3 What are gondolas and gondoliers?
 - 4 What is the regatta?
- B

 - 1 Why are there so many bridges in Venice?
 - 2 Why was it difficult to build in Venice?
 - 3 Why are the people wearing masks?
 - 4 When do people wear historical clothes?

3 Complete the brochure with ideas from the text.

Come to Venice!

Venice is a very special city. People started building it 1 1,000 years ago . It is very different from other cities because 2 In Venice, people travel on 3 The houses are also unusual because 4 If you come in February, you can see 5 If you come in September, you can see 6

4a Venice has a lot of problems with water. Look at the pictures and talk about these questions.



- 1 Why does the water rise?
- 2 What problems does the water cause?
- 3 What can they do about it?



4b Listen to Professor Know it All. Check your answers.



YOUR PROJECT

Find out about an old city in your country or another country. Draw or find pictures. Write about:

- the old things you can see there
- what people did there in the past
- how they lived there

3a Read a story about Josh and his boat. Complete it with your own ideas.



Suddenly the engine in Josh's boat went *BANG!* and stopped. He looked at the sea. It was full of sharks! "Oh no!" he thought. "If I jump in the water, ¹ the sharks will" "

Just then, Josh saw a ship. "I can shout!" he said. "No, they are too far away. If I shout, ² I know!" he said. "I can light a fire with my sail! No, that's not a good idea! If I light a fire with my sail, ³ " He looked around. "I can use my shirt!" he said. "Hmm. No. It's getting cold. If I light a fire with my shirt, ⁴ " "

He looked inside the boat. "A radio!" he said. "Oh no! It doesn't have any batteries!" Then he saw a flashlight. "Good!" he said. "I can use the batteries from the flashlight! Oh no! It'll be dark soon! If I use the batteries from the flashlight, I ⁵ " "

Josh was very hungry and thirsty, but he only had one bottle of water and some cake. "I'll be here for days!" he said. "If I drink the water now, ⁶ And if I eat the cake now, ⁷ " "

Suddenly, there was a loud voice. "Josh!" the voice said. "When are you coming out of the bath? If you don't come out now, ⁸ " "



3b Listen to the story. Did you have the same ideas?

4a Work in groups. Look at the pictures. Make 'Have you ever ...?' questions to ask another group.

Have you ever climbed a mountain?

Think about your questions!

- If your question is different from other groups' questions, you win a point.
- If a group answers, "No, we haven't", you win another point.
- If they say, "Yes, we have", you can ask, "When?" or "Where?"



4b Play the game. Take turns asking and answering.