

Text: Welcome to California

California is one of the most famous states in the USA. It is located on the west coast and is known for its beautiful landscapes, warm climate, and cultural diversity. Millions of tourists visit California every year to see its beaches, national parks, and exciting cities.

One of the most popular cities is Los Angeles, which is famous for Hollywood and the film industry. Many people dream of becoming actors or directors and hope to find success there. Another important city is San Francisco, which is known for the Golden Gate Bridge, its cable cars, and its steep streets.

California also offers impressive nature. Visitors can explore national parks such as Yosemite, go surfing in the Pacific Ocean, or hike in the mountains. Because of its varied landscapes, California is a perfect place for outdoor activities.

However, life in California is not always easy. In big cities, housing is very expensive, and many people struggle to find affordable homes. In addition, droughts and wildfires have become serious problems in recent years. Despite these challenges, many people still love living in California because of its lifestyle and opportunities.

(approx. 150 words)

Tasks

1. Global Understanding (5 points)

Tick the correct answer.

The text is mainly about ...

- a) problems in American cities
- b) why California is popular and what challenges it faces
- c) the history of California
- d) life in New York

2. Detailed Comprehension (10 points)

Answer in **complete sentences**.

1. Why do many tourists visit California?

→ _____

2. What is Los Angeles famous for?
→ _____
3. Name two outdoor activities mentioned in the text.
→ _____
4. What problems does California face?
→ _____

3. True or False (5 points)

Write **T (true)** or **F (false)**. Correct the false statements.

1. California is located on the east coast of the USA.
→ _____
2. San Francisco is famous for its cable cars.
→ _____
3. Life in California is always easy.
→ _____
4. Many people like living in California because of its lifestyle.
→ _____

4. Vocabulary in Context (5 points)

Find words in the text that mean:

1. famous → _____
2. many different people and cultures → _____
3. trips for fun → _____
4. problems → _____
5. chances → _____

5. Short Writing Task (10 points)

Write **60–80 words**:

Would you like to visit or live in California? Why or why not?

Use:

- because
- but / however
- in my opinion