

CITIES

I) Warm up: Translate:

Ich lebe seit 7 Jahren in der Stadt. 1999 *zog* ich hier her. Vorher lebte ich in einem kleinen Dorf in den Bergen. Am Anfang ist es nicht einfach gewesen für mich in der neuen Umgebung. Ich habe mich oft einsam gefühlt, und ich habe einige Zeit gebraucht, um *mich zu Recht zu finden*. Doch *schließlich habe ich mich* an das Leben in der Stadt *gewöhnt*. Ich bin inzwischen in eine neue Wohnung am Stadtrand gezogen, hier habe ich den Vorteil, dass ich auch ab und zu einen ausgedehnten *Spaziergang machen* kann, wenn mir das Leben in der Stadt zu anstrengend wird.

Vocabulary:

(um) ziehen	move (to)	They moved to a new city .
sich zurecht finden	find one's way around	He found his way around in town quickly.
schließlich	eventually	
sich an etwas gewöhnen	get used to something	Eventually she got used to the new situation
Spaziergang machen	go for a walk	We went for a long walk.

II) Translate into German:

Ski Los Angeles! - By Carolyn Branson

Who hasn't heard of Los Angeles' sunny weather? We do have that all summer long, but January through April, the snow sifted on the mountains from winter storms is visible from the city. True, the snow isn't falling **in** the city itself, but local news crews have captured on tape frozen flurries falling on the outskirts of town.

Yes, the 2001 winter season is setting records for snowfall at lower elevations, which foreshadows a long ski season. This may give you an opportunity to do something you might not have thought of doing on your vacation to Los Angeles: ski!

If you've never tried snow skiing or snowboarding, this would be a perfect opportunity to try it out! Hard-core skiers, which I'm not, might prefer Mammoth Mountain (which I do!), but it's quite a long drive (3 hours "plus") from Los Angeles.

From the city, the drive to local slopes is only an hour-and-a half, sometimes requiring tire chains, but not always. Even though these local slopes are not world-class, they're far from being a joke. Multiple ski lifts plus snow pipes and parks for snowboarding are the norm. In fact, Snow Summit hosted the American Snowboard Competition in late February.

The San Bernardino mountain range is home to Big Air, [Big Bear](#), [Mountain High](#), Ski Sunrise, [Snow Summit](#), and [Snow Valley](#) ski resorts. For any of them, weekday is the best time to go, without question, for the most crowd-free experience. Don't forget that you can also ski at night!

III) Look at the short information tabs of different cities on the next page;

- compare them with each other; talk about advantages and disadvantages;
- a friend of yours wants to move (or spend their holiday) in one of the places; give him advice;

<u>Rovinj (Croatia)</u>	
<u>extension:</u>	142 km ²
<u>residents:</u>	12,000
<u>languages:</u>	Croatian, Italian most people also speak German, English
<u>close cities</u>	Trieste (Italy) Zagreb (Croatia) Vienna (Austria)
<u>public facilities</u>	-1 big store -various grocery stores -large public park -1 cinema -1 theater -basic education facilities -various cafés, bars, hotels & restaurants
<u>(public) transport:</u>	
- taxis available	
- within the city no buses (due to the small extension)	
- to surrounding suburbs: small buses in 15 min or 30 min intervals.	
- interurban buses: mostly very old, in 1 hr, 3 hr or sometimes daily intervals.	
- boats for excursions and to surrounding islands	
- special tourist buses	
<u>tourism</u>	mainly Aril - September
<u>history:</u>	
the town was founded about 2000 years ago; it was once part of the Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy, later Italy, then Yugoslavia and now Croatia.	
<u>situation:</u>	
The old town is situated on a small peninsula in the Mediterranean Sea. The new districts of the city lay out on the surrounding hills. Most spots offer a marvelous view of the sea and the surrounding islands. The water quality is excellent.	

<u>Rome (Italy)</u>	
<u>residents:</u>	2,5 Mio
<u>languages:</u>	Italian English in most hotels and tourist attractions
<u>public facilities:</u>	-many shopping centers -famous shopping streets -various parks -various theaters -various cinemas -university -hotels, cafés... -...
<u>public transport:</u>	
- subways (Metro)	
- taxis	
- buses (sometimes late)	
- interurban railway and buses to suburbs	
- train connection to all of Europe	
- 2 airports	
- highway connections	
<u>tourism:</u>	all year Various tourist attractions Vatican_ Capital of Italy

Your Hometown
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