

Part 1 - Hometown

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Hometown or birth place

- 1. Where do you come from?**
 - Actually I come from Tehran , the capital city of Iran.
- 2. Where about in Tehran do you live?**
 - I live in a small apartment in Sohrevardi district, downtown Tehran.
- 3. Can you tell me something about your hometown?**
 - Well, Tehran is in Northern part of the country in the foot of Alborz mountains. It is very famous for its museums and palaces. As the capital of the country it is well-developed with modern infrastructure. Many entertainment centers are located in my city, as well as top level universities and modern hospitals.
- 4. Can you tell me some famous landscapes or scenic spots in your hometown?**
 - There are many palaces and old houses in Tehran. We have also one of the best ski slopes here. Some famous mosques are also located in my city.
- 5. Can you tell me some history of your hometown?**
 - As far as I know, Tehran was founded nearly 250 hundred years ago in Qajar dynasty and was chosen as the capital to one the kings'. Since then , and especially during last 50 years, the city has been dramatically expanded.
- 6. What do you like most about your hometown?**
 - Well, there are many amazing museums and cultural spots in my city which attract lots of tourists every year.
- 7. Is there anything you think your city needs to improve?**
 - Actually yes, traffic congestions and polluted air are main problems of Tehran which I think need immediate action.
- 8. Is transportation system well-developed in your city?**
 - To be honest, during the last decades there has been considerable improvement in Transport system here, yet not adequate.
- 9. What types of transport run in your city?**
 - As the capital of the country, all kinds of transport means can be found in Tehran ; subway system, buses, taxis, and even there are plans to start mono-rail.
- 10. When is the best time of the year to visit your hometown?**
 - In fact the city is amazing all year round, but the best times would be mid spring and mid fall. The weather is great at these times.



Some very useful words and phrases to talk about your city / hometown

City Centre	Multi-story car park	Uninterrupted view
Location	Pavement=sidewalk	Panoramic view
Inhabitants	Filthy	Spectacular view
citizens	Subway=underground	Enjoy/admire a view
Rural	Graffiti	Breathtaking scenery
Urban	Inner city	Dominate the landscape
Landscape/scenery	Surrounded by something	Urban wasteland
Picturesque	Convenient= handy	No-go areas
Metropolis	Disadvantage=drawback	Run-down building
Resident	Built-up	Deprived areas
Local	Growth	Industrial zone
Standard of living	Apartment=flat	Cobbled street
Commercial center	Shop=store	Quaint old buildings
Accommodation	Dilapidated building	Upmarket shops
Dirty/ polluted	Tree-lined avenues	Relaxed atmosphere
Stressful	Imposing building	Lined with shops
Crowded	Sprawling city	Lively
noisy≠ quiet	Bumper-to-bumper traffic	Fashionable
calm	Volume of traffic	Club
night-life	Incessant roar	Pavement cafes
commuter	comfortable	Residential areas
rush hour	shanty town	High-rise flats
traffic jam	suburb	