

A

Read the facts about Los Angeles and answer Worksheet B in groups of three.

Los Angeles was founded on September 4th, 1781, by Felipe de Neve, the new governor of California. He was the representative in Mexico of King Carlos III of Spain.

It was originally settled by 11 men, 11 women and 22 children, all from Mexico. With them were a small number of priests and a group of Yang-Na Indians.

Dustin Hoffman and Jodie Foster were born in Los Angeles as was Marilyn Monroe, who lived, worked, died and is buried there.

The Olympic Games have been held four times in the United States. Of the four times, Los Angeles has twice been the host city. It first hosted the Games in 1932 and then again in 1984.



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There is no shortage of theme parks in LA, but the biggest are Universal Studios, which is in Hollywood, and Disneyland, which is just a short drive south to Anaheim, a suburb.

Sunset Strip and Melrose Avenue are popular and trendy shopping venues. Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is where the rich and famous do their shopping. Bijan, the most expensive store in the world is here, where the average customer spends \$100,000 a visit.

When Los Angeles was founded, its full name was *El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles*, which means The Town of Our Lady, Queen of Angels.

Los Angeles used to be the capital city of the Mexican province Alta California. After the American occupation in 1847, Mexico gave California up to the United States. Los Angeles was incorporated as a city in 1850.



C

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Many Americans love California because the people are all so crazy. Some have compared it to a bowl of muesli (breakfast cereal): When you get rid of the *fruits* and *nuts*, all you have left are the *flakes*.

The mayor of LA is James K. Hahn. The governor of California is Democrat Gray Davis. However, *Terminator* actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has just announced that he intends to stand against Davis as the Republican Party's candidate for governor. If he wins, he will be the second actor turned governor; the first was Ronald Reagan, who became president of the United States.

From the original, the city's name was shortened to Los Angeles and then to LA. It has many nicknames: City of Angels, Southland, Lalaland and El Pueblo are just some. Hollywood has the nickname of Tinseltown.

We love LA!

In groups of three, A, B and C, answer these questions about Los Angeles.

1. Which actor is running for governor of California?
2. What is the original full name of Los Angeles?
3. When was Los Angeles founded?
4. Which breakfast cereal have the people of California been compared to?
5. How many children were among the original settlers of Los Angeles?
6. When did Los Angeles become a city of the United States?
7. Name two of the biggest theme parks in Los Angeles?
8. Who was the first governor of California?
9. Name two fashionable shopping areas in Los Angeles.
10. Give two nicknames for Los Angeles.
11. Which Hollywood actress lived her whole life in Los Angeles?
12. Who is the mayor of Los Angeles?
13. How much do people usually spend on a visit to Bijan?
14. When were the Olympic Games held in Los Angeles?
15. Who is the current governor of California?

