

Rainbow Readers

Title: Ola, Rio de Janeiro

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

influence	statue	headquarters	shaped	declared
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1. The army does a good job of protecting its headquarters.
2. This piece of plastic is shaped like a horse.
3. He declared his love for her in front of everyone.
4. Sally is a good influence on my sister because she studies a lot.
5. This statue is very tall and made of stone.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Rio is the capital of Brazil. T / **F**
2. Rio is the biggest city in Brazil. T / **F**
3. Before people from Portugal came, no one lived in Brazil. T / **F**
4. There are many poor people in Rio. **T** / F
5. One of Rio's most famous sights is Christ the Redeemer. **T** / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Rio is the most (**popular** / modern) city in Brazil among tourists.
2. Rio was one of the (**first** / newest) cities the Portuguese built in Brazil.
3. (After / **Before**) people found gold in Brazil, they grew sugar.
4. Many people from (**other countries** / around the country) come to hear music.
5. A common Brazilian meal is black beans with rice and (**meat** / vegetables).

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where is Rio located?

- a. In the northern part of South America
- b. In the western part of Brazil
- c. In the east where the land meets the sea
- d. In the south between the mountains and the coast

2. When it's summer in South America, what season is it in North America?

- a. Summer
- b. Spring
- c. Fall
- d. Winter

3. How did Rio first become an important city?

- a. By having a big carnival
- b. By making very popular music
- c. By selling sugar to other countries
- d. By becoming the capital of Portugal

4. What is Rio especially known around the world for?

- a. Its music
- b. Its mountains
- c. Its gold
- d. Its fashion

5. Which is NOT listed as a reason people want to visit Brazil?

- a. Music
- b. Dancing
- c. Business
- d. Nature

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

sugar	host	settlers	Carnival	slums
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Rio de Janeiro is the most popular city in Brazil. It has both forests and beaches, since it is located on the sea. Portuguese settlers arrived there 500 years ago and built Rio. Once they started growing sugar, Rio became an important city. In 1822, Brazil declared its freedom from Portugal. Rio was the capital of Brazil until 1960. Many new people moved to Rio. They were mostly poor and lived in slums. There are still many poor people in Rio today. But there are also business headquarters and many universities. Rio will also host the World Cup in 2014 and the Olympics in 2016. Rio is already famous for its music and dancing. Each year it has one of the biggest parties in the world: Carnival. These are just some of the reasons people come to Rio every year.