

# Section 1

- Part 1

## Hometown / City

### Comparing Time

#### Choose the Right Synonym for *decide*

**DECIDE, RULE, RESOLVE** mean to come or cause to come to a conclusion.

**DECIDE** implies previous consideration of a matter causing doubt, wavering, debate, or controversy.

**Eg:** She *decided* to sell her house

**RULE** implies a determination by judicial or administrative authority.

**Eg:** The judge *ruled* that the evidence was inadmissible

**RESOLVE** implies an expressed or clear decision or determination to do or refrain from doing something.

**Eg:** He *resolved* to quit smoking

1. What's (the name of) your hometown? / Where do you come from?

**ANSWER A:** I live in a residential area of a populous city in Iran call Tehran. It is a province located in the north of my country.

**ANSWER B:** I live in a metropolis city called Tehran. As you may observed, this multicultural city is the capital of Iran. It is well-known around the world for its amazing history, architecture, music and fashion.

Grammar points

**ANSWER C:** Well, I live in Esfahan, which is a quite cosmopolitan city in Iran. It is \*also a very vibrant City. There are a host of artists, art galleries, and museums.

**Residential area:** An area where people live

**Populous:** A populous country, area, or place has a lot of people living in it

**Province:** A division of a country that has its own government

**Metropolis:** A very large city and most important city in a country

**Multicultural:** Involving or including many people o ideas from different countries, religions

**Cosmopolitan:** Including people from many different countries

**Vibrant:** Full of energy, color, and life

Grammar points

2. Do you like your hometown? (Why?) / \*what is it like where you live?

**ANSWER A:** Yes, I like living in Tehran because it's where most of my friends live, and because there are plenty of things to do there. Also, there are hordes of tourists flocking into some tourist attractions such as...

**ANSWER B:** Honestly, I do take a lot of pride in being a citizen here. What I mean here is that I have all the modern amenities such as, hospitals, parks, recreational centers and better job opportunities. Besides, I can witness the evolution and development of my city with an array of skyscrapers and new build

Grammar points

**ANSWER C:** What I like about my hometown is that \*there are many orchards and vineyards. It is a truly picturesque place. There are a lot of convenience stores, pop-up stores, and futuristic shops

**Plenty of:** A lot of

**Hordes of tourist:** A large crowd tourist

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**Flocking:** A large group of people

**Tourist attractions:** A place that many tourists visit

**Amenities:** Something that makes a place comfortable and or easy to live in

**Evolution:** The scientific idea that, plants and animals develop and change gradually over a long period time

**Orchard:** A piece of enclosed land planted with fruit trees

**Vineyard:** A plantation of grapevines, typically producing the grapes used in winemaking

**Picturesque:** Beautiful

**Pop-up shop:** A pop-up shop is opened temporarily to take advantage of a faddish trend or seasonal demand

Grammar points

**3. \*What is the weather like in your city?**

**ANSWER A:** Well, My hometown is no different from any other places in my country. We do have four seasons. When its winter, we experience below zero degrees and scorching summers in which we bake in the sun.

**ANSWER B:** Broadly speaking, the weather in my city is pretty nice. We have a mild climate, so it's never boiling hot in the summer or freezing cold in the winter.

**ANSWER C:** Well, sometimes my city has a harsh climate. We actually enjoy four distinct seasons. In summery months, it can get really sweltering, and by contrast, temperatures can really dip in winter.

**Below zero degrees:** Temperature that is negative

**Scorching:** Very hard

**Mild climate:** A climate without extreme conditions

**Boiling hot:** A very hot weather

**Freezing:** A very cold weather

**Harsh climate:** Very difficult and unpleasant to live in

**Sweltering:** Extremely hot

**Dip:** To become less