

SAN FRANCISCO



From the beginning to ... *entertaining tourists*. (3.43)

Before you watch

1. Brainstorming

1. San Francisco Bay stands on the St. Andrea Fault. Do you know what may happen in the area?
2. Do you know what the Gold Rush was?
3. One of the landmarks of the city is the *Golden Gate*. Do you know what it is?
4. Have you ever seen a film set in San Francisco?

2. Complete the sentences with these adjectives.

steep, narrow, eco-friendly, amazing, rocky, temperate

1. We can't put the sofa here. This room is too
2. New..... skyscrapers don't consume much energy.
3. The sea around that island is always rough and very dangerous.
4. The view of the old city from the top of the castle is
5. In the south of Italy the climate in winter is mostly
6. This mountain is difficult to climb. It's very

While you watch

3. Mark the sentences true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

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| 1. San Francisco is located in a beautiful area. | T | F |
| 2. The area of San Francisco is very flat. | T | F |
| 3. Victorian houses were built after the earthquake. | T | F |
| 4. You can't drive faster than 8 km p/h on Lombard Street. | T | F |
| 5. San Francisco's cable cars are quite old. | T | F |
| 6. The TransAmerica Pyramid is in the Financial District. | T | F |
| 7. San Francisco was founded in 1677. | T | F |
| 8. San Francisco became a big city after the <i>Gold Rush</i> . | T | F |
| 9. Chinese immigrants contributed to the expansion of the railways. | T | F |
| 10. Italian immigrants went to live in the port area. | T | F |

4. UP TO NOW. List the reasons why:

1. San Francisco is considered a beautiful city
2. the Victorian Houses are one of its favourite landmarks.
3. tourists like cable cars
4. the name of the city is Spanish
5. San Francisco's Chinatown is very big
6. Pier 39 is a popular tourist destination

From *From the port* (3.43) to the end.

5. Answer the questions.

1. Why is Alcatraz legendary?
2. Why is the Golden Gate considered a great work of engineering?
3. How long did it take to build it?
4. Why are foggy days a common phenomenon?
5. What did Mark Twain think of San Francisco's summers?
6. What can you find in Golden Gate Park?
7. Who designed the new building of the California Academy of Sciences?
8. What kind of art can you see at the SFMOMA?
9. What is Berkeley?
10. Why is Stanford University famous?

6. UP TO NOW. Speaking

- use these numbers to speak about the Golden Gate: 2.5 km, 227 m, 1937
- use these words to explain fog formation in the bay: blanket, Golden Gate passage, cold air, hot temperature, Pacific, land.

7. Number these sentences in their chronological order from 1 to 9.

- _____ A small port grew up around the bay.
- _____ The city was rebuilt.
- _____ A terrible earthquake destroyed the city.
- _____ San Francisco became a financial center.
- _____ San Francisco was founded by a Spanish explorer.
- _____ Italian immigrants settled in the port area.
- _____ Chinatown was established.
- _____ The Golden Rush attracted lots of people.
- _____ The Golden Gate was built.

8. A tourist is asking a guide about San Francisco. Invent the guide's answers.

Tourist: Should I go up the hills to *Pacific Heights*?

Guide:

Tourist: Which means of transport can I use?

Guide:

Tourist: Can I visit Alcatraz?

Guide:

Tourist: Why is Pier 39 a tourist attraction?

Guide:

Tourist: Can I cross the Golden Gate on foot?

Guide:

Tourist: Which art museum do you suggest visiting?

Guide: