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BARCELONA

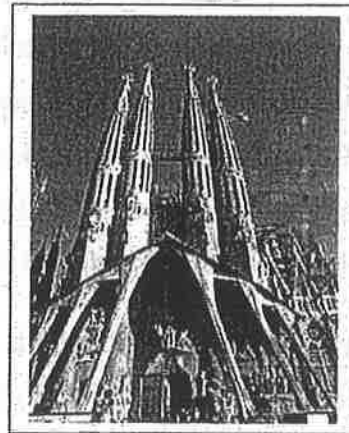
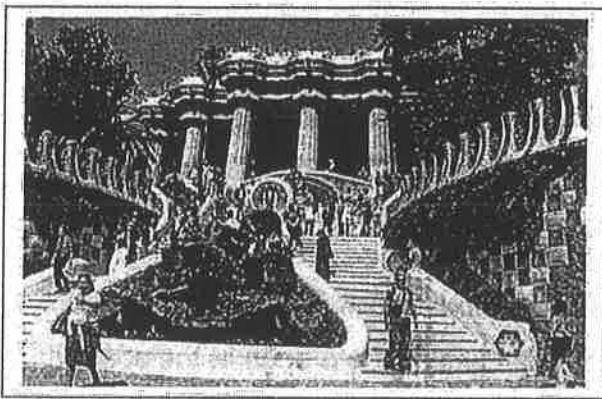
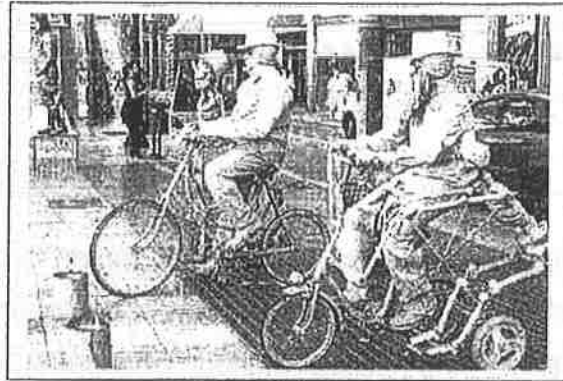
Barcelona is the capital of the region of Cataluña. Barcelona is in the northeast of Spain, close to the French border and on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. Barcelona has a population of about 1.5 million people.

In Barcelona and the region of Cataluña people speak another language in addition to Spanish. This language is called Catalán. Catalán is quite different from Spanish. It is spoken in Cataluña and also in parts of the region of Valencia. Catalán is also spoken in a small part of France and the Balearic Islands. The people of Barcelona take great pride in using the Catalán language.

Barcelona's most famous road strip is called Las Ramblas. The Ramblas is a street a little over a half mile long that starts at the Plaza de Cataluña and ends at the seaport. Thousands of people stroll on the Ramblas every day and night, where they watch the performing street artists, buy flowers, or have a coffee.

The most famous artist/architect from Barcelona is Antonio Gaudí. Antonio Gaudí has really had a great influence on Barcelona as a city. His creations can be found all over Barcelona. He built unique houses and Parque Guell. His masterpiece is still the Sagrada Familia, a rather bizarre cathedral that will take many more years to finish.

In the south of the city, near the sea, a hill can be found where the Olympic stadium was built (1992) called Montjuic. Montjuic has many beautiful gardens and this was also the location where the 1929 World Expo was held. Today, tourists come here to visit the remaining buildings of the Expo, to take a look at the Olympic site or visit the Poble Español.



1. Barcelona is in the region of Cataluña.
2. The Mediterranean Sea is found on the east coast of the city of Barcelona.
3. In addition to Spanish, people speak Catalán in Barcelona.
4. A famous ½ mile strip of shops and restaurants is known as Las Ramblas.
5. Barcelona is a large modern city with a population of 1.5 million.
6. An important artist/architect in Barcelona was Antonio Gaudí.
7. La Sagrada Familia is a famous cathedral. A cathedral is huge church.
8. The Olympics were held in Barcelona in 1992.
9. Barcelona está en la región de Cataluña.
10. Barcelona es la capital de Cataluña.
11. Ellos hablan Catalán y español en Barcelona.
12. Antonio Guadí era un arquitecto famoso.

Word Bank

Cataluña (use twice)
Catalán
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