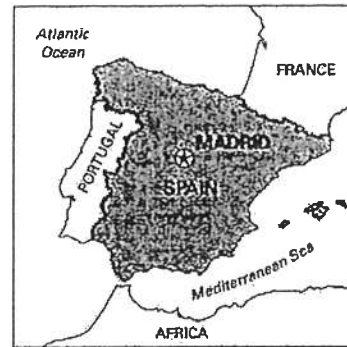


Nombre: _____

Madrid

(Source: <http://www.gostudypain.es/About-Madrid.html>)



Facts

Madrid is the **capital of Spain**, and is home to the Spanish Royal family as well as the Spanish Government. It is a **modern metropolitan city** and an economical and industrial center of Spain, and, with its population of nearly 3,5 million people, it is also the biggest city in Spain.

It is **located in the center** of the Iberian Peninsula, and is surrounded by mountains and natural parks. Although it is located in the center of the country, it has traditionally been the hub between different areas of Spain and is therefore **connected to all major Spanish cities** by train, road or air.

The weather in Madrid varies a lot depending on the season, from **hot and dry in the summer**, with temperature of approx. veintinueve C° / ochenta y cinco F°, to cold (cuatro C° / treinta y nueve F°) with **some rain in the winter**.

Attractions

Madrid has a lot of interesting attractions that offer both **culture and amusement**. The city is full of **great monuments**, like the royal palace, the Plaza Mayor or the many statuettes, like Las Cibeles fountain. For people interested in art, **The Prado Museum**, has some of the most fantastic collections of famous Spanish painters like Velazquez, Goya, Picasso and Miro.

If you like to be entertained, Madrid has two big **amusements parks**, including the new Warner Brothers Theme Park where you can see popular characters like Bugs Bunny and Tweety Bird. There are regular **international concerts, big flea markets**, parades and other activities going on in the city center as well.

For sport enthusiasts Madrid can offer everything from skiing (only 1 hour away by bus) during the winter, to golf all year round, as well as international sporting events and the possibility to **practice nearly any sport at the University facilities**. The most popular sport in Madrid is soccer, or fútbol. Madrid has 3 teams called: **Real Madrid, Atlético de Madrid and Rayo Vallecano**. Real Madrid, is officially the best football team of the 20th Century as recognized by FIFA. Real Madrid plays at the famous **Santiago Bernabéu stadium**.

If you like going out at night, Madrid has a very **interesting nightlife throughout the whole week** that is available all year round. You can either go out for a tapa (Spanish snack), eat at a very nice restaurant, go to the cinema or one of the many theatres.

Preguntas: Fill in the blanks in these Spanish facts about Madrid based on what you have read in English. Use the word bank below to help you.

capital	centro	tres	fútbol	museo
palacio	parques	Real	similar	tapas

1. Madrid es la Capital de España.
2. Madrid está en el centro de España.
3. La población de Madrid es tres millones y medio.
4. El clima de Madrid es similar del clima de Philadelphia.
5. Hay un palacio grande en Madrid.
6. Un museo importante en Madrid se llama El Prado.
7. Madrid tiene dos parques de atracciones.
8. El deporte más popular en Madrid es el fútbol.
9. El equipo de Real Madrid es el mejor equipo de fútbol en Madrid.
10. Por la noche muchas personas tienen tapas.