

What places used to be called- Trivia Quiz
Used to speaking practice/ Names of places in English

Student A

Test your partner on the old names of some of the places on your list with questions like “What did... use to be called?” and “It’s (now) called... What did it use to be called?”, giving at least three options for them to choose from (by choosing different old names from below, slightly changing the real name, making up imaginary names, etc). Your partner should answer with a whole sentence like “It used to be called...?”

AND/ OR

Test your partner on the new names of some of the places on your list with questions like “It used to be called... What is it called now?”, giving at least three options for them to choose from (by choosing different new names from below, slightly changing the real name, making up imaginary names, etc). Your partner should reply with a whole sentence like “It is called...”

AND/ OR

Choose one line below, read out the two names on that line (sometimes in the opposite order) and see if your partner can identify which one is old and which one is present with a sentence like “It used to be called... but now it’s called...”

Old name	Present name
Ceylon	Sri Lanka
Peking	Beijing
Burma	Myanmar
Madras	Chennai
Persia	Iran
Formosa	Taiwan
FYRM	North Macedonia
Pusan	Busan
Chang’an	Xi’an
Constantinople	Istanbul
New Amsterdam	New York
Mont-Royal	Montreal
Batavia	Jakarta
Kwangju	Gwangju
Kristiania	Oslo
Ragusa	Dubrovnik
Danzig	Gdansk
Tunbridge Wells	Royal Tunbridge Wells

Student B

Test your partner on the old names of some of the places on your list with questions like “What did... use to be called?” and “It’s (now) called... What did it use to be called?”, giving at least three options for them to choose from (by choosing different old names from below, slightly changing the real name, making up imaginary names, etc). Your partner should answer with a whole sentence like “It used to be called...?”

AND/ OR

Test your partner on the new names of some of the places on your list with questions like “It used to be called... What is it called now?”, giving at least three options for them to choose from (by choosing different new names from below, slightly changing the real name, making up imaginary names, etc). Your partner should reply with a whole sentence like “It is called...”

AND/ OR

Choose one line below, read out the two names on that line (sometimes in the opposite order) and see if your partner can identify which one is old and which one is present with a sentence like “It used to be called... but now it’s called...”

Old name	Present name
Saigon	Ho Chi Minh City
Bombay	Mumbai
Ayers Rock	Uluru
Siam	Thailand
Leningrad	Saint Petersburg
Rangoon	Yangon
Amoy	Xiamen
Edo	Tokyo
Calcutta	Kolkata
Nanking	Nanjing
Tenochtitlan	Mexico City
Londinium	London
Leopoldville	Kinshasa
Heian-kyo	Kyoto
Pagan	Bagan
Angora	Ankara
North Borneo	Sabah
Smyrna	Izmir