

All about Marrakech

Marrakech is a big city in Morocco, in North Africa. The old walls around the city are a warm red colour, so people call it the Red City.

In winter you can see snowy mountains from the city. In the busy main square there are musicians and storytellers. People shop in markets called souks.

Quick facts

Country	Morocco
Where	North Africa
Nickname	the Red City
Mountains	the Atlas
Markets	souks

Key words

souk:	a market
riad:	a house with a garden in the middle
minaret:	a tall tower on a mosque
tagine:	a meal cooked in a clay pot
medina:	the old part of the city

Wow!

Red walls

The old city walls are red.

Cat city

Lots of cats live in the streets.

Storks

Big birds called storks nest on the palace walls.

Snowy mountains

In winter you can see snow on the Atlas Mountains.

Draw something you would love to see in Marrakech.

Marrakech: the Red City

Use the words in the box to fill the gaps. Each word is used once.

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Word bank cats mint red snow souk storks

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4. People drink sweet _____ tea.
5. White _____ build nests on the palace walls.
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Marrakech: the Red City

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

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True

False

2. Marrakech is in Morocco.

True

False

3. There are no cats in Marrakech.

True

False

4. The old city walls are blue.

True

False

5. A souk is a kind of market.

True

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6. Marrakech is very cold in summer.

True

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Marrakech word match

Write the letter of the right meaning in each box.

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| ☐ tagine | A a house with a garden in the middle |
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Did you know? Marrakech

Read the facts. Then draw something you would love to see in Marrakech.

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Daughter of the ash

Tanjia is slow-cooked in a clay pot buried in hot ashes.

Tins into lanterns

Metalworkers make candle holders from old sardine tins.

Cat city

Marrakech is famous for the huge number of cats in its streets.

Storks on the palace

White storks nest on top of the ruined El Badi Palace walls.

Draw it here

Write about your drawing.

Marrakech

Find each word and tick it off. The words go across and down.

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☐ ramparts ☐ riad ☐ souk

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Marrakech: the Red City

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Marrakech (also spelled Marrakesh) is the fourth-largest city in Morocco and one of its four imperial cities. It was founded nearly a thousand years ago. Its old town, the medina, is wrapped in red-orange walls that give it the nickname “the Red City”.

The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, full of narrow streets, souks, palaces, gardens and mosques. At its heart is Jemaa el-Fnaa, a huge square where storytellers, musicians and acrobats perform. The city sits north of the Atlas Mountains, with long, hot, dry summers and short, mild winters.

Quick facts

Country	Morocco
Nickname	The Red City
Founded	about 1070
People	about 1 million (2024)
Languages	Arabic, Amazigh, French
City walls	about 19 km
July high	about 38 °C
UNESCO	medina listed 1985

Key words

medina:	the old walled part of a city
souk:	a market with lots of small stalls
riad:	a house built around a garden courtyard
minaret:	a tall tower on a mosque
tagine:	a slow-cooked meal and its clay pot
haggling:	bargaining to agree a price

Fun facts

200 towers

The red city walls have 200 towers and 20 gates.

Cat city

Marrakech is famous for the huge number of cats in its streets.

Sunshine city

Marrakech gets more than 3,250 hours of sunshine a year.

Storks on the palace

White storks nest on top of the ruined El Badi Palace walls.

Bargain!

Haggling over the price is still a big part of shopping in the souks.

Head of the shop

That is what the spice mix ras el hanout means.

My favourite fact is...

Marrakech: the Red City

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Marrakech: the Red City

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

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Marrakech mini quiz

Fill the gaps using the word bank, then circle True or False.

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Marrakech

Find each word and tick it off. The words go across, down and diagonally.

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Marrakech mini quiz

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True or false?

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At its heart is the square of Jemaa el-Fnaa. Today about a million people live in the city, which sits on a plain north of the Atlas Mountains.

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madrasa: a school or college, especially an old Islamic one

khettara: an underground channel that carries water

protectorate: a country controlled and protected by a stronger one

imperial city: a city that was once a royal capital

ramparts: strong defensive walls

Fun facts

Cat city

Marrakech is famous for the huge number of cats in its streets.

Tins into lanterns

Metalworkers make candle holders from old sardine tins.

A country named after a city

Many names for Morocco, like Maroc and Marruecos, come from the name Marrakech.

Daughter of the ash

Tanjia is slow-cooked in a clay pot buried in hot ashes.

Going deeper

- Groundwater under the city has fallen by about 0.9 m a year since 2002.
- Craftsmen from Córdoba and Seville helped build its monuments, mixing Andalusian, Saharan and West African styles.
- In 2009 Fatima-Zahra Mansouri became the city's first female mayor.
- Until 1867, European Christians needed the sultan's permission to enter the city.

Think about it: Groundwater under Marrakech is falling. Why might a hot, dry, growing city use more water? What could help?

Marrakech: the Red City

Use the words in the box to fill the gaps. Each word is used once.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

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1. In the 1500s the _____ sultans built lavish palaces such as El Badi.
2. Marrakech was founded around 1070 as the capital of the _____.
3. Until 1867, European Christians needed the sultan's _____ to enter.
4. Since 2002 groundwater under the city has been _____.
5. The agreement that created the World Trade Organization was signed here in _____.
6. Underground channels called _____ carried water to the gardens.
7. In 2009 Fatima-Zahra Mansouri became the city's first female _____.
8. The old Jewish quarter of the city is called the _____.
9. The medina became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in _____.
10. Morocco became independent in _____.

Marrakech: the Red City

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

Name _____

Date _____

Score _____ / 7

1. Groundwater under the city is rising.
2. Marrakech has been Morocco's capital without a break since 1070.
3. The Almoravids ruled land from Senegal to the middle of Spain.
4. The WTO agreement was signed in Paris.
5. In 1984 about half the city's people lived in the medina.
6. Marrakech is classed as a desert city.
7. France made Morocco a protectorate in 1912.

☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False☐ True☐ False

Marrakech word match

Write the letter of the right meaning in each box.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 7

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| ☐ imperial city | A a place protected because it matters to the whole world |
| ☐ khattara | B a city that was once a royal capital |
| ☐ semi-arid | C the old walled part of a North African city |
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Marrakech: think and discuss

Read the facts, then write your answers. There are no wrong answers if you give reasons.

Name _____ Date _____

Daughter of the ash

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Head of the shop

That is what the spice mix ras el hanout means.

Sunshine city

Marrakech gets more than 3,250 hours of sunshine a year.

Storks on the palace

White storks nest on top of the ruined El Badi Palace walls.

Tourism brings money to Marrakech, but some researchers say it has changed the old town. Who do you think benefits most from tourism? Give reasons.

Many names for Morocco come from the word Marrakech. Why do you think a whole country might be named after one city?

Marrakech

Find each word and tick it off. The words can go in any direction, even backwards.

Name _____ Date _____ Found _____ / 13

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☐ mint ☐ Morocco ☐ palace ☐ souk ☐ spices ☐ storks
☐ tea ☐ walls

Marrakech: the Red City

Answers are shown in red.

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Marrakech: the Red City

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Marrakech

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