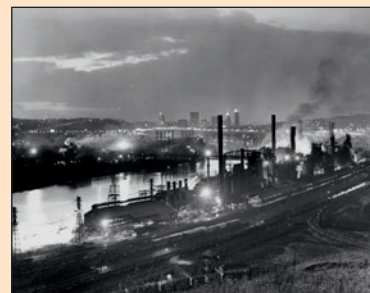


Pittsburgh

The town where I was born

I was born in Pittsburgh, the second largest city in Pennsylvania, USA, with a population of about 2.4 million. The city is named after William Pitt, (1) **who** was the Prime Minister of Britain in the 1700s. Pittsburgh lies on the banks of three rivers, (2) are crossed by over 400 bridges. It is sometimes called 'The City of Bridges'.



Fifty years ago, Pittsburgh was a busy industrial town. It had many factories, (3) produced iron and steel. However, in the 1970s and 80s the steel mills closed, and the city suffered badly. The streets (4) people once hurried to work became empty and dangerous. Today, a lot of these streets are full of life again, filled with shops, restaurants, and theatres.

All around Pittsburgh, there are hills from (5) you can enjoy great views of the city, views (6) many artists have painted. One local artist is Linda Barnicott, (7) painted My Home Town. Pittsburgh is also home to the Andy Warhol Museum, (8) you can find a huge collection of pictures by this famous local artist.

The city is now named one of the 'World's Most Liveable Cities'. I moved away ten years ago, but I often return to visit. Pittsburgh is full of people (9) have lived through good times and bad, and I miss their tough but friendly character. They make me proud to call Pittsburgh my hometown.