

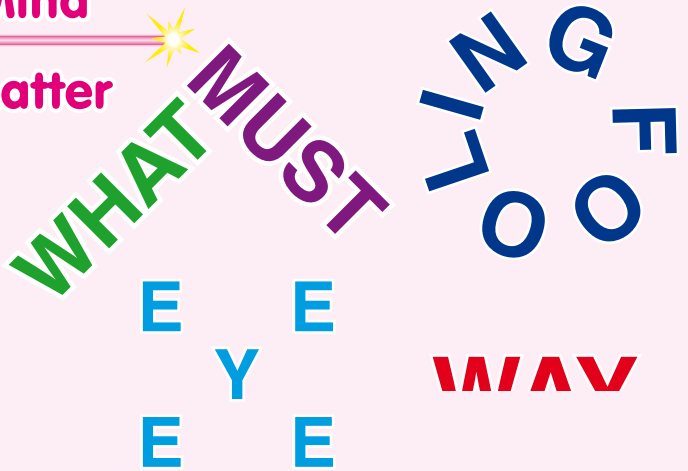
## Wordpic

Can you tell what city is represented by these pictures?



## Mind

### Matter



## Exclamation Mark!

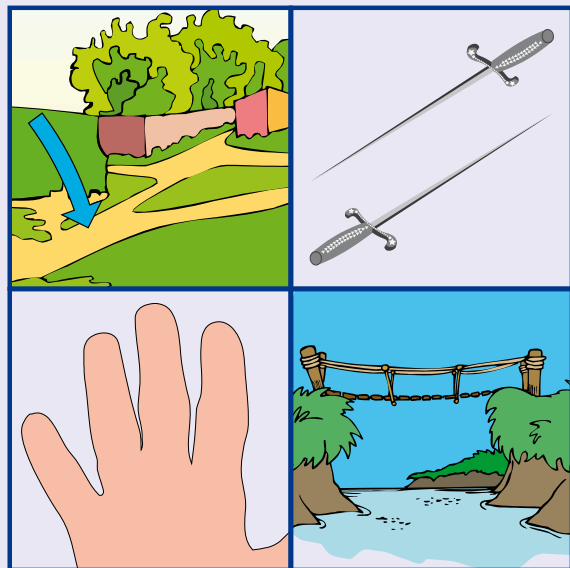
The English language hasn't always had an **exclamation mark**. It was introduced into English printing in 1400 and was originally known as the 'mark of admiration'.

It wasn't until the 1970s that it appeared on standard manual typewriters. Until then, the typist had to type a full stop and backspace to type an apostrophe above it.

It's generally used to express strong feelings or surprise. There are several place names that use **exclamation marks**, such as the English town of Westward Ho! in Devon, named after the novel by Charles Kingsley. There's also a town in Quebec called St-Louis-du-Ha! Ha! There are also some musicals such as Oklahoma! And Oh! Calcutta! And of course, our very own Lovatts crossword magazine **MEGA!**

## Common Sense

What do these four things have in common?



## False Friends

Travellers sometimes get into trouble using innocent English words, not knowing they have a different meaning in other countries.

Here are some from **Adam Jacot de Boinod's** book *The Meaning Of Tingó*:

- kill (Arabic) good friend
- bless (Icelandic) goodbye
- aye (Amharic, Ethiopia) no
- snags (Afrikaans) during the night
- sofa (Icelandic) sleep
- purr (Scottish Gaelic) to headbutt
- hoho (Hausa, Nigeria) condolences on a death

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