FACT SHEET · AGES 5–7

All about Marrakech

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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.

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TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech: the Red City

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

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 6

Word bank mint Morocco red snow souk square

1. The old city walls are _____.
2. In winter there is _____ on the Atlas Mountains.
3. Musicians play in the big _____.
4. People drink sweet _____ tea.
5. A market is called a _____.
6. Marrakech is in the country of _____.

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech: the Red City

Acorn & Ink

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 6

1. Marrakech is very cold in summer. True False
2. The old city walls are blue. True False
3. Marrakech is in Morocco. True False
4. People in Marrakech drink mint tea. True False
5. There are no cats in Marrakech. True False
6. A souk is a kind of market. True False

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech word match

Acorn & Ink

Write the letter of the right meaning in each box.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 5

☐	**riad**	**A**	the old part of the city
☐	**tagine**	**B**	a meal cooked in a clay pot
☐	**medina**	**C**	a house with a garden in the middle
☐	**souk**	**D**	a market
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TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Acorn & Ink

Did you know? Marrakech

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

Name _____ Date _____

A country named after a city
Many names for Morocco, like Maroc and Marruecos, come from the name Marrakech.

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

Daughter of the ash
Tanjia is slow-cooked in a clay pot buried in hot ashes.

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

Draw it here

Write about your drawing.

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WORD SEARCH · SMALL · EASY

Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

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

Name _____ Date _____ Found _____ / 8

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☐ Amazigh ☐ haggling ☐ madrasa ☐ medina ☐ ramparts

☐ riad ☐ souk ☐ tagine

COLOUR BY SUM · ADDING TO 10

What's the mystery picture?

Acorn & Ink

Work out each sum. Find the answer in the key and colour the square that colour.

3 red	4 orange	5 yellow	6 black
8 leave white	10 dark blue		

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ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech: the Red City

Acorn & Ink

Answers are shown in red.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 6

Word bank mint Morocco red snow souk square

1. The old city walls are **red**.
2. In winter there is **snow** on the Atlas Mountains.
3. Musicians play in the big **square**.
4. People drink sweet **mint** tea.
5. A market is called a **souk**.
6. Marrakech is in the country of **Morocco**.

ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech: the Red City

Acorn & Ink

Answers are shown in red.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 6

1. Marrakech is very cold in summer. — True **False**
2. The old city walls are blue. — True **False**
3. Marrakech is in Morocco. — **True** False
4. People in Marrakech drink mint tea. — **True** False
5. There are no cats in Marrakech. — True **False**
6. A souk is a kind of market. — **True** False

ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 5–7

Marrakech word match

Acorn & Ink

Answers are shown in red.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 5

C	**riad**	**A**	the old part of the city
B	**tagine**	**B**	a meal cooked in a clay pot
A	**medina**	**C**	a house with a garden in the middle
D	**souk**	**D**	a market
E	**minaret**	**E**	a tall tower on a mosque

ANSWERS · WORD SEARCH · SMALL · EASY

Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

The hidden words are shaded in red.

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m	e	d	i	n	a	h	r
r	a	m	p	a	r	t	s
v	d	q	q	r	i	a	d

☐ Amazigh ☐ haggling ☐ madrasa ☐ medina ☐ ramparts

☐ riad ☐ souk ☐ tagine

Acorn & Ink

It's a Moroccan lantern!

Here's how the finished picture looks.

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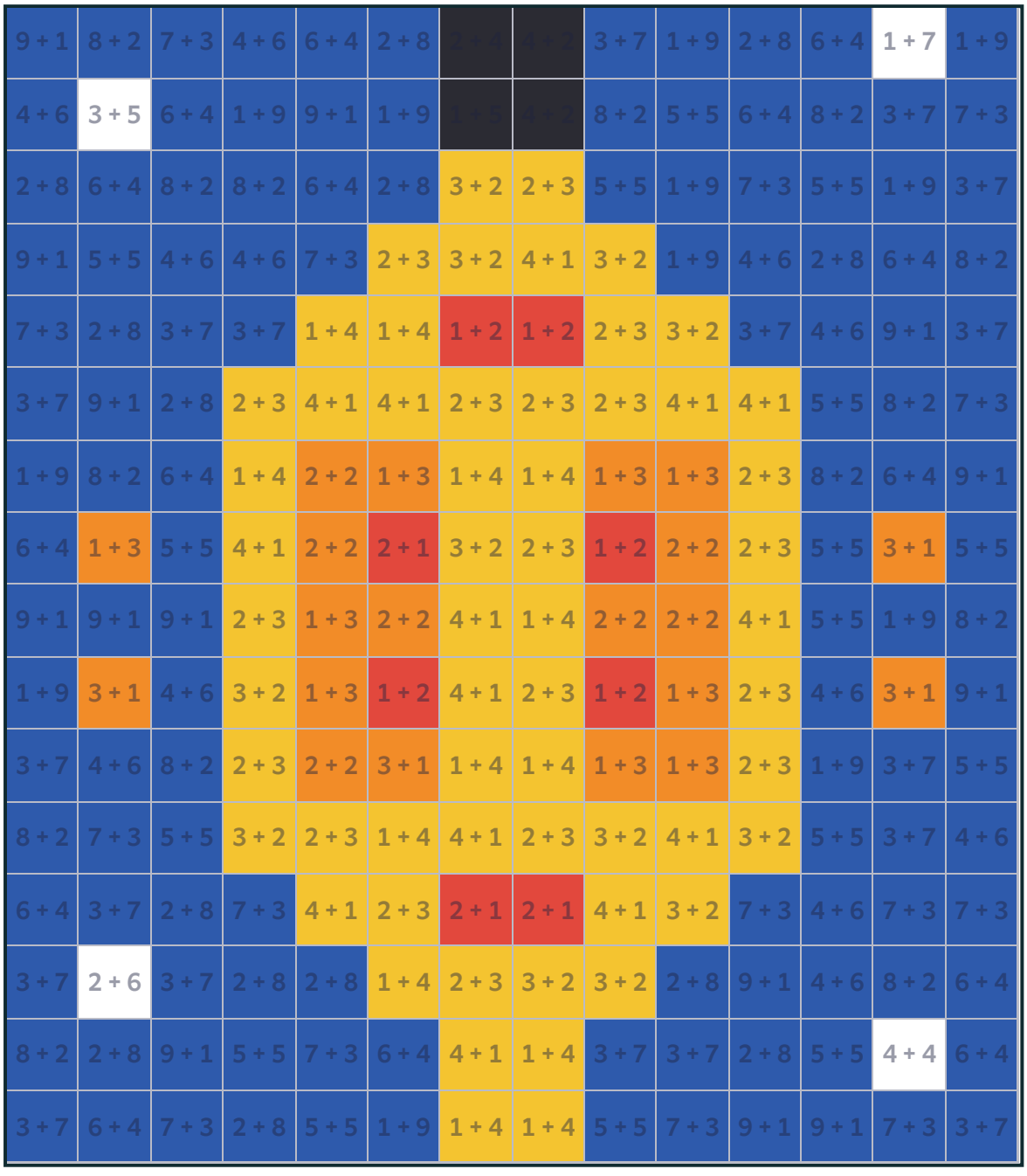
8 leave white 10 dark blue



FACT SHEET · AGES 7–11

All about Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

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

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

Tins into lanterns
Metalworkers make candle holders from old sardine tins.

200 towers
The red city walls have 200 towers and 20 gates.

Head of the shop
That is what the spice mix ras el hanout means.

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

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

My favourite fact is…

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TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

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Marrakech: the Red City

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

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

Word bank

Atlas **blue** **mint** **price** **Red** **souk** **square** **storks** **tagine** **towers**

1. The city walls have 20 gates and 200 _____.
2. White _____ nest on top of the old palace walls.
3. Haggling means agreeing a _____ with the seller.
4. In winter you can see the snowy _____ Mountains from the city.
5. A _____ is a meal cooked slowly in a clay pot with the same name.
6. People call it the _____ City because of the colour of its walls.
7. A market in Marrakech is called a _____.
8. Jemaa el-Fnaa is a huge _____ where storytellers and acrobats perform.
9. The Majorelle Garden has a bright _____ building.
10. People often drink sweet green tea with fresh _____.

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

Marrakech: the Red City

Acorn & Ink

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

Name _____ **Date** _____ **Score** _____ / 8

1. A riad is a kind of boat. True False
2. Marrakech is the capital city of Morocco. True False
3. Many names for Morocco come from the name Marrakech. True False
4. The Menara Gardens were made in 1957. True False
5. The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. True False
6. The old walls stretch for about 19 kilometres. True False
7. The Koutoubia minaret is the tallest in the city. True False
8. Marrakech has long, cold, rainy summers. True False

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

Marrakech word match

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Write the letter of the right meaning in each box.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 7

☐	**ramparts**	**A**	a slow-cooked meal and its clay pot
☐	**haggling**	**B**	the old walled part of a city
☐	**tagine**	**C**	a market with lots of small stalls
☐	**souk**	**D**	a house built around a garden courtyard
☐	**riad**	**E**	a tall tower on a mosque
☐	**medina**	**F**	strong walls that protect a city
☐	**minaret**	**G**	bargaining to agree a price

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

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Marrakech mini quiz

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

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

Word bank Atlas blue medina minaret souk square

1. In winter you can see the snowy _____ Mountains from the city.
2. A market in Marrakech is called a _____.
3. The old walled part of the city is called the _____.
4. The Majorelle Garden has a bright _____ building.
5. The tall tower of the Koutoubia Mosque is called a _____.
6. Jemaa el-Fnaa is a huge _____ where storytellers and acrobats perform.

True or false?

7. A riad is a kind of boat. True False
8. The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. True False
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10. The Menara Gardens were made in 1957. True False

WORD SEARCH · MEDIUM · MEDIUM

Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

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

Name _____ Date _____ Found _____ / 12

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- ☐ Atlas
- ☐ gardens
- ☐ Majorelle
- ☐ medina
- ☐ mint
- ☐ Morocco
- ☐ palace
- ☐ souk
- ☐ spices
- ☐ storks
- ☐ tea
- ☐ walls

COLOUR BY SUM · TIMES TABLES

What's the mystery picture?

Acorn & Ink

Work out each sum. Find the answer in the key and colour the square that colour.

14 dark blue 15 yellow 21 red 30 orange

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ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

Acorn & Ink

Marrakech: the Red City

Answers are shown in red.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

Word bank

Atlas **blue** **mint** **price** **Red** **souk** **square** **storks** **tagine** **towers**

1. The city walls have 20 gates and 200 **towers**.
2. White **storks** nest on top of the old palace walls.
3. Haggling means agreeing a **price** with the seller.
4. In winter you can see the snowy **Atlas** Mountains from the city.
5. A **tagine** is a meal cooked slowly in a clay pot with the same name.
6. People call it the **Red** City because of the colour of its walls.
7. A market in Marrakech is called a **souk**.
8. Jemaa el-Fnaa is a huge **square** where storytellers and acrobats perform.
9. The Majorelle Garden has a bright **blue** building.
10. People often drink sweet green tea with fresh **mint**.

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Marrakech: the Red City

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 8

1. A riad is a kind of boat. — True **False**
2. Marrakech is the capital city of Morocco. — True **False**
3. Many names for Morocco come from the name Marrakech. — **True** False
4. The Menara Gardens were made in 1957. — True **False**
5. The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. — **True** False
6. The old walls stretch for about 19 kilometres. — **True** False
7. The Koutoubia minaret is the tallest in the city. — **True** False
8. Marrakech has long, cold, rainy summers. — True **False**

ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

Marrakech word match

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Answers are shown in red.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 7

F	**ramparts**	**A**	a slow-cooked meal and its clay pot
G	**haggling**	**B**	the old walled part of a city
A	**tagine**	**C**	a market with lots of small stalls
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ANSWERS · TOPIC SHEET · AGES 7–11

Acorn & Ink

Marrakech mini quiz

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Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

Word bank Atlas blue medina minaret souk square

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True or false?

7. A riad is a kind of boat. — True / **False**
8. The medina is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. — **True** / False
9. Marrakech has long, cold, rainy summers. — True / **False**
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ANSWERS · WORD SEARCH · MEDIUM · MEDIUM

Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

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It's a Moroccan lantern!

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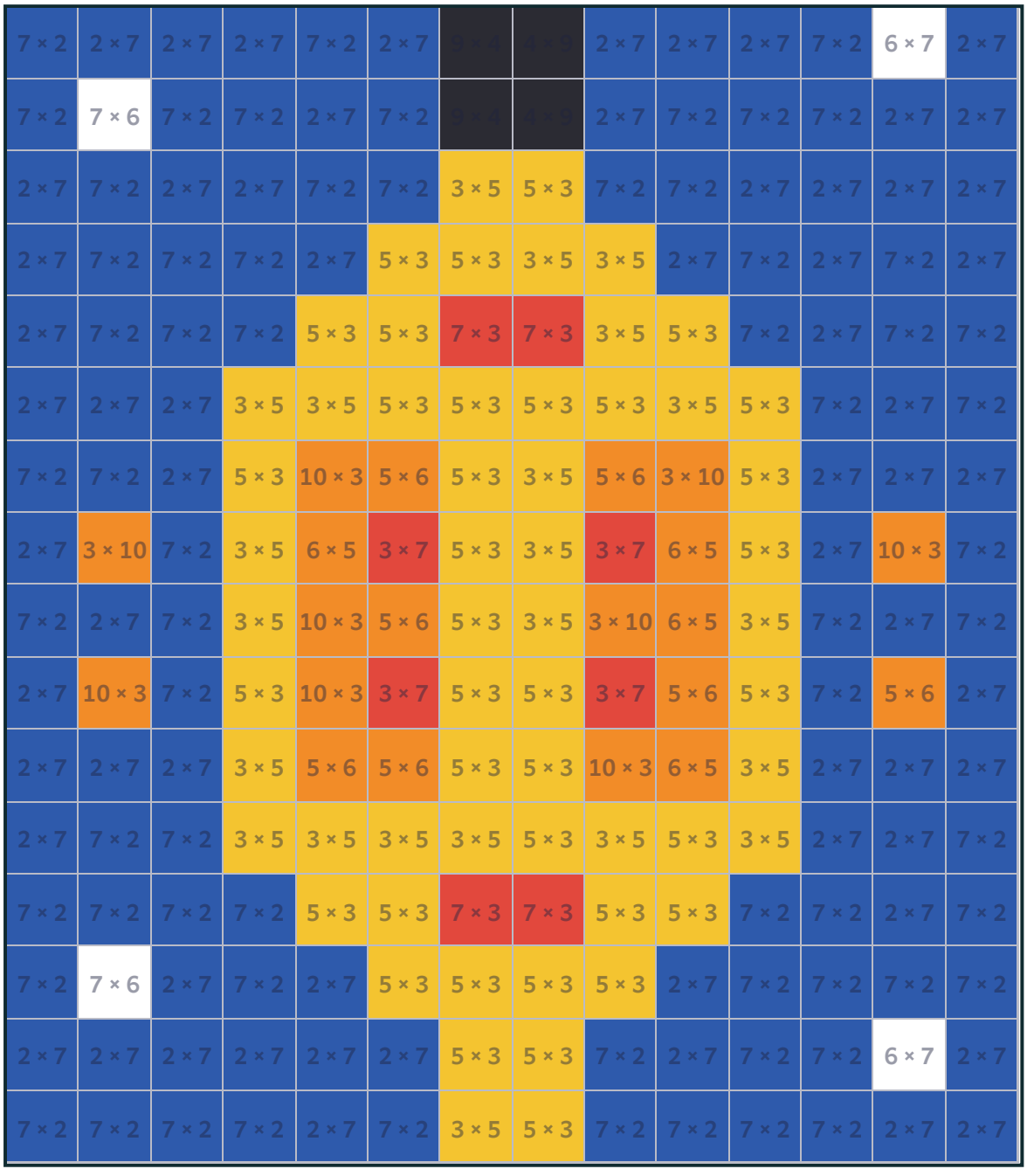

FACT SHEET · AGES 11–14

All about Marrakech

Acorn & Ink

Marrakech (also spelled Marrakesh) was founded around 1070 by the Almoravids and is one of Morocco's four imperial cities. Its walled medina, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985, gives it the nickname "the Red City".

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.

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 North African city

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

Tins into lanterns
Metalworkers make candle holders from old sardine tins.

200 towers
The red city walls have 200 towers and 20 gates.

Head of the shop
That is what the spice mix ras el hanout means.

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

Going deeper

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

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

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TOPIC SHEET · AGES 11–14

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Marrakech: the Red City

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

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 10

Word bank

1985 **1994** **Almoravids** **falling** **khettaras** **mayor** **Mellah** **permission** **Saadian** **semi-arid**

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

TOPIC SHEET · AGES 11–14

Marrakech: the Red City

Acorn & Ink

Read each sentence. Circle True or False.

Name _____ Date _____ Score _____ / 7

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Marrakech word match

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Write the letter of the right meaning in each box.

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Marrakech: think and discuss

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

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Tins into lanterns
Metalworkers make candle holders from old sardine tins.

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

Hidden rivers
Underground channels carried water from the mountains to the gardens.

A country named after a city
Many names for Morocco, like Maroc and Marruecos, come from the name Marrakech.

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?

WORD SEARCH · LARGE · HARD

Marrakech

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

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Marrakech: the Red City

Answers are shown in red.

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Word bank

1985 **1994** **Almoravids** **falling** **khettaras** **mayor** **Mellah** **permission** **Saadian** **semi-arid**

1. The medina became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in **1985**.
2. Underground channels called **khettaras** carried water to the gardens.
3. The old Jewish quarter of the city is called the **Mellah**.
4. The agreement that created the World Trade Organization was signed here in **1994**.
5. In the 1500s the **Saadian** sultans built lavish palaces such as El Badi.
6. Since 2002 groundwater under the city has been **falling**.
7. The city's climate is classed as hot **semi-arid**.
8. Marrakech was founded around 1070 as the capital of the **Almoravids**.
9. In 2009 Fatima-Zahra Mansouri became the city's first female **mayor**.
10. Until 1867, European Christians needed the sultan's **permission** to enter.

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