

The Two Largest U.S. Cities

Which city do you think is the largest in the United States? If you guessed New York City, you are correct. More than 7 million people live there!

Los Angeles, California, is the second largest city in the United States. More than 3 million people live in Los Angeles. •

New York City is on the East Coast. It lies mostly on islands in a harbor. Los Angeles is on the West Coast of the country. It has the Pacific Ocean on one side of the city and mountains on the other.

The weather in New York City is very different from the weather in Los Angeles. New York City has cold winters with snow. It has warm summers. However, Los Angeles has mild weather all year long. •

Many people from other countries live in both New York City and Los Angeles. Which large city would you like to visit?

Strategy: How does this information compare with what you already know about New York City or Los Angeles? Ask yourself, "What else might be alike and different about these two cities?"

Skill: Which clue words signal a contrast in this paragraph?