



Task: This extract describes the Captiol, the capital city of Panem. Katniss has spent her whole life in the dreary, dusty mining town of District 12. When she arrived in the Capitol, how do you think she felt? How was it different to her home?

- 1) Read the extract and highlight key information about the setting and atmosphere of the Capitol.
- 2) Answer the inference questions by recording true or false next to the statements, remember you need to check that you have proof in the extract to support your ideas!

the tonnes of rock separating me from the sky, and my chest tightens. I hate being encased in stone this way. It reminds me of the mines and my father, trapped, unable to reach sunlight, buried for ever in the darkness.

The train finally begins to slow and suddenly bright light floods the compartment. We can't help it. Both Peeta and I run to the window to see what we've only seen on television, the Capitol, the ruling city of Panem. The cameras haven't lied about its grandeur. If anything, they have not quite captured the magnificence of the glistening buildings in a rainbow of hues that tower into the air, the shiny cars that roll down the wide paved streets, the oddly dressed people with bizarre hair and painted faces who have never missed a meal. All the colours seem artificial, the pinks too deep, the greens too bright, the yellows painful to the eyes, like the flat round discs of hard candy we can never afford to buy at the tiny sweet shop in District 12.

The people begin to point at us eagerly as they recognize a tribute train rolling into the city. I step away from the window, sickened by their excitement, knowing they can't wait to watch us die. But Peeta holds his ground, actually waving and smiling at the gawking crowd. He only stops when the train pulls into the station, blocking us from their view.

Statement	True/False	Statement	True/False
Katniss and Peeta had never seen the Captiol before.		The Capitol is brightly lit.	
The Capitol is a dull and gloomy city.		The buildings in the city are very tall.	
The cars in the city are old and dirty.		People in the city are poor and hungry.	
Most people in the city wear very elaborate hairstyles and makeup.		Broad streets slot neatly between the gleaming buildings of the Capitol.	
The Capitol has never been televised before.		Katniss was impressed when she first arrived in the Capitol.	
The buildings in the Capitol are very colourful like children's candy.		Katniss loves the colourful city because it's so natural.	
When Katniss and Peeta arrive on the train, the people are thrilled to see them.		Katniss is disgusted by the people's reaction to them because she knows that she and Peeta could die.	
The atmosphere in the city is modest and natural.		The Capitol is an excessive and luxurious place.	