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**Bartomeu** and **Ona** have lived all their lives in Barcelona and they are very pleased to be able to show their city to their friends, Cèlia and Alim.

As they walk around the city, their heads are full of questions. Which way is the Columbus statue pointing? How many streets are there in the city? Who was "Snowflake"? What is the Mansana de la Discòrdia? The four friends' curiosity will help them find out that Barcelona is a much cooler city than they thought.

People from all over the world live in its different neighbourhoods. Its history is full of exciting moments, like the 1992 Olympic Games, and its artists are admired all over the world. To see the city with them, just carry on reading... There's one condition, though: never stop being curious and asking questions.

**So how much do you know about Barcelona?**





The Roman Emperor Augustus gave permission to build the colony of Barcino, which, in time, became the city of Barcelona. A temple was built in honour of this emperor and some of its columns can still be seen at the Centre Excursionista de Catalunya.

IS THERE A ROMAN TEMPLE IN BARCELONA?

THERE CERTAINLY IS!  
THERE ARE THREE COLUMNS  
LEFT, WHICH YOU CAN GO  
AND SEE

CÈLIA

ALIM

# HOW MANY NEIGHBOURHOODS DOES BARCELONA HAVE?

The city is divided into districts and each of these is divided into neighbourhoods. There are ten districts, in total, and 73 neighbourhoods. Les Corts is the district with fewest neighbourhoods, as it only has three. Nou Barris, with 13, has most.




## WHERE DOES THE NAME "VIA AUGUSTA" COME FROM?

The street name in Barcelona refers to the Roman Via Augusta, which was the main communication route in the province of Hispania. It ran from the Pyrenees right down to Cadiz, skirting the Mediterranean Sea. Of course, it passed through Roman Barcino, now Barcelona.

## WHY DO SOME NEIGHBOURHOODS SEEM LIKE VILLAGES?

Because once upon a time they were villages! Some neighbourhoods in Barcelona, like Gràcia, Sants and Sarrià, were separate places until they were incorporated into the city at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. People from Barcelona used to go to spend their summers there.



ARE THERE LOTS OF OLD PEOPLE IN CIUTAT VELLA?

NO! "VELLA" MEANS OLD, BUT IT REFERS TO THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT, NOT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE!

Until the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, this district was the whole city, surrounded by walls. Today, fragments of these old walls can still be seen.



## WHY DO WE BECOME “QUEENS” WHEN WE GO TO THE MARKET?

You can find all kinds of food in Barcelona’s 39 markets, and lots of nice people. In the city’s markets you can buy fresh fish, top-quality meat and tasty fruit.

The stallholders are very friendly and they use endearments when talking to their customers, the way market traders in other countries might call them “love” or “darling”. Here, they’re most likely to call you “reina”, which means “queen”. So any girl can pretend she’s a queen when she goes to the market.



WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE  
DISH FROM BARCELONA, REINA?  
BREAD WITH TOMATO, JUICY RICE,  
SAUSAGE WITH BEANS...?



BEFORE SHE CAN ANSWER  
THAT QUESTION, SHE'LL HAVE  
TO TRY THEM ALL.



## DO I HAVE TO GO TO CHINA TO TRY CHOW MEIN AND SPRING ROLLS?

There's no need to leave Barcelona. The city is open to the whole world and that shows in its cuisine. Here, you'll find restaurants from lots of different cultures: Chinese, but also Italian, Japanese, Syrian, Mexican and many more. There are also shops where you can buy the ingredients and cook them at home. **What do you feel like eating?**



### “GOT” OR “NEED”?

There are lots of markets in Barcelona. Some of them are very busy, like La Boqueria and Santa Caterina. But Sant Antoni is the only one where you can find second-hand books and swap collectable cards or stickers. On Sundays, collectors of all kinds meet up all asking the same question: **“Got or need?”**

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