

## Jerusalem today

### Whose capital?

Jerusalem is important to Palestinians and Israelis. The Israeli government wants Jerusalem as its capital, while Palestinian leaders claim East Jerusalem, including the “Old City”.

Israel’s government is in Jerusalem and claims the whole city, while the Palestinian Authority is based in Ramallah in the West Bank.

In 2017 Donald Trump changed USA policy and recognised Jerusalem as Israel’s capital for the first time, which made many Palestinians angry.

There is fierce conflict over the balance of Arabs and Jews in the city.



### Sorting activity on old city map

Identify the three religious sites in the old city and decide which of the statements applies to each site.








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## Answers

1



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2



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3



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The holiest site of worship for Jews today, where some Jews believe the Third Temple will be built

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