

III) To synthesize the arguments of the debate by organizing them: ALL GROUPS

→ Is Sydney a global city?

- Task 1: Examine each of the statements below.
- Task 2: You need to then identify which of the global city criteria the statement relates to. Write this in the middle column.
- Task 3: For each statement, consider if it adds suggests that Sydney is a global city. Add “Y” if it does, “N” if it does not.

Statement	Global City Criteria Concerned (Economic, Political, Cultural, Infrastructural and accessibility)	Global City Y/N
The population of Sydney is 5.1 million. It is not yet a ‘megacity’.		
45 of the 47 international banks that operate in Australia are found in Sydney.		
Sydney does not have a city-wide public transport system. 70% of the population rely on cars.		
The rate of economic growth in Sydney is very low. Over 150 cities in the world are growing at a faster rate.		
Out of all the international companies in Australia, 65% are in Sydney.		
The infrastructure which supports business is not developed enough to allow fast economic growth.		
One third of Sydney’s population speak a language other than English at home.		
Sydney airport flies to 46 international destinations. London Heathrow flies to 170.		
Sydney is located a long way from the places it trades with.		
Many of the multinational companies which are located in Sydney tend to be involved in local activities rather than make decisions of global importance.		
Sydney’s time zone allows it to do business with Asia and the USA during normal daylight working hours		
Sydney is one of the most multicultural cities in the world.		
Sydney is often seen as a place to visit on holiday and not a place to do business.		
The infrastructure which exists to support business is high standard.		
Sydney is home to all the Australian television broadcasters and has world class advertising and animation industries.		
Sydney is considered to be one of the best cities in the world for quality of life.		
60% of the regional headquarters of companies that operate in the Asia-Pacific region are located in Sydney.		
The level of employment in innovative hightech industries is lower than in many other cities.		
Almost 3 million international tourists visit Sydney each year. It is the 42nd most visited city in the world.		
Sydney is the most popular city for international students. Its universities have over 50,000 international students.		

