# Describing a town or city

## **VOCABULARY BANK**

#### 1 WHERE IS IT? HOW BIG IS IT?

a Look at the map. Then read the description of Reading and circle the correct words or phrases.

Reading is a city in the east / west of the state of Pennsylvania in the US, on the Schuykill River / in the mountains. It is about 60 miles east / west of Philadelphia. It is a small / medium / large city, and it has a population of about 88,000. It is famous for its discount outlet shopping malls, which were the first in the US.

b (2)46)) Listen and check.

# 2 WHAT'S IT LIKE? adjectives to describe a town or city

a Match the adjectives and sentences 1–6.

| boring /ˈbərɪŋ/         | Opposite exciting |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| crowded /ˈkraudəd/      |                   |
| dangerous /'deɪndʒərəs/ |                   |
| modern/madərn/          |                   |
| noisy/'noɪzi/           |                   |
| polluted /pəˈlutɪd/     |                   |

- 1 There are a lot of restaurants and clubs with loud music.
- 2 The air is very dirty.
- 3 There are too many people.
- 4 The buildings were all built very recently.
- 5 There's nothing to do.
- 6 You have to be careful, especially at night.
- **b** Match these adjectives with their opposites in **a**.

| clean/klin  | ı/ empt   | y /ˈɛmpt | i/                 |
|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| exciting /1 | k'sartıŋ/ | interes  | sting /ˈɪntrəstɪŋ/ |
| old /ould/  | quiet /1  | cwaiət/  | safe /seif/        |

- c (2)47)) Listen and check your answers to a and b.
- **d** Cover the words and look at the sentences. Remember the adjectives and their opposites.

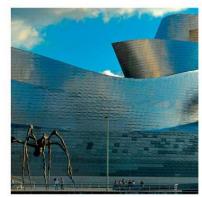


### 3 WHAT IS THERE TO SEE?

a Put the words in the right column.

eastle /ˈkæsl/ cathedral /kəˈθidrəl/ church /tʃərtʃ/ department store /dɪˈpɑrtmənt stɔr/ market /ˈmɑrkət/ mosque /mɑsk/ museum /myuˈziəm/ palace /ˈpæləs/ shopping mall /ˈʃɑpɪŋ mɔl/ statue /ˈstætʃu/ temple /ˈtɛmpl/ town hall /ˈtaon hɔl/

| Religious buildings | Places where you can buy things | Historic buildings and monuments |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                     |                                 | castle                           |
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- b (2 48)) Listen and check.
- c Which of the places in a are there | aren't there in your city?

There's a cathedral and some churches. There isn't a castle.

