

Describing a town or city

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 Schuylkill 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.

	Opposite
<input type="checkbox"/> boring /'bɔ:riŋ/	<u>exciting</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> crowded /'kraʊdəd/	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> dangerous /'deɪndʒərəs/	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> modern /'mɒdərn/	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> noisy /'nɔɪzi/	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> polluted /pə'lju:tɪd/	_____

- 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 /kli:n/ empty /'empti/
exciting /ɪk'saɪtɪŋ/ interesting /'ɪntrəstɪŋ/
old /əʊld/ quiet /'kwaɪət/ safe /seɪf/

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.

castle /'kæsl/ cathedral /kə'ti:drəl/ church /tʃɜ:tʃ/
department store /dɪ'pɑ:tmənt stɔ: / market /'mɑ:kət/ mosque /mɒsk/
museum /myu'ziəm/ palace /'pæləs/ shopping mall /'ʃɑ:pɪŋ mɔ:l/
statue /'stætʃu/ temple /'tempəl/ town hall /'taʊn hɔ:l/

Religious buildings	Places where you can buy things	Historic buildings and monuments
		castle



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.