

Getting Ready

What do you like about your town or city? Check (✓) your answers and compare them with a partner.

	Like a lot	Like a little	Don't like
the parks			
the public transportation			
the nightlife			
the restaurants			
the air quality			
the safety			
the traffic			
the cleanliness			
the economy			
other:			

Listening 1

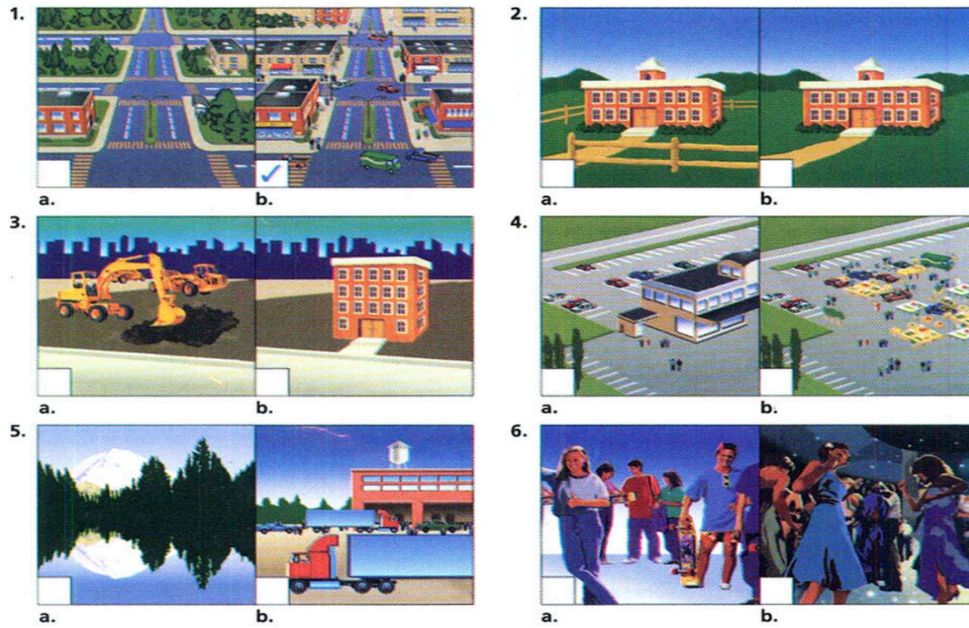
People are describing their cities. What topic are they talking about? Listen and choose the correct answer.

- 1 a the economy
b the traffic
- 2 a the safety
b the shopping
- 3 a places for children
b the public transportation
- 4 a the economy
b the cleanliness
- 5 a the safety
b the restaurants
- 6 a the noise
b the air quality

Listening 2

Task 1

People are talking about how their cities have changed. What is each city like now? Listen and check (✓) the correct picture.



1. A_B_
2. A_B_
3. A_B_
4. A_B_
5. A_B_
6. A_B_

Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check the correct answer.

	True	False
1 They built a new road.		
2 The school looks worse now.		
3 They're going to redevelop the site.		

4 The old supermarket was excellent.

5 No one comes to town now.

6 The kids spend more time outside now.

Listening 3

Task 1

People are talking about their cities. What are their opinions? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	<i>LIKE</i>	<i>DISLIKE</i>
1 the shopping		
the restaurants		
2 the mall		
the restaurants		
3 the cleanliness		
the parks		
4 the nightlife		
the safety		
5 the traffic		

	the subway
6	the air quality
	the economy

Task 2

Listen again. What changes or improvements do the people suggest for each city? Write the correct letter.

1		a	bring more businesses to the city
2		b	build bigger highways
3		c	open some nightclubs
4		d	build more parks downtown
5		e	open a restaurant that serves good salads
6		f	have a few inexpensive stores at the mall

Conversation Corner: Talking about cities

Task 1

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: This city has changed so much in the

B: What do you mean?

A: Well, there be anything for kids to do after school, but now there's a great after-school program at the community center.

B: That's true. There are a lot of fun things for kids to do now.

A: Also, be a lot of crime downtown, and there didn't use to be a lot of good restaurants there.

B: Yeah. It's safe downtown now, and there are places to eat.