

# Unit 1

# Places



# Watch and Listen

# The Grand Canal



# Preparing to Watch

1. Where is the city of Venice?
2. What do you know about Venice?





# Glossary

canal

gondola

man-made

palace

stilts



# 3. While watching the Grand Canal

1. Venice does not have many beautiful churches. **F**
2. There are a lot of canals and bridges. **T**
3. Most of the islands between the canals are big. **F**
4. Today, Venice is important for art and businesses. **F**
5. People know Venice as a popular tourist centre. **T**
6. The Grand Canal is the smallest canal in Venice. **F**
7. The Grand Canal is a man-made river. **T**
8. Another name for Venice is “The City of Boats.” **F**

# 4. Watching again the Grand Canal

1. What does Venice have instead of busy roads? **a lot of canals**

2. What don't you see on them? **cars**

3. What is the name of the special boats in the video?

**gondola**



4. What are palaces and other buildings in Venice built on?

**stilts**

5. What was the Ca' d'Oro palace decorated with? **gold**

6. What is the Rialto Bridge made of? **stone**



# 5. Complete each sentence with numbers

1. There are 117 islands between the canals, and 400 bridges in Venice.
2. The Grand Canal is more than two miles long.
3. For nearly 300 years, you could only cross the Grand Canal on Rialto Bridge.
4. The Ca' d'Oro is one of Venice's most beautiful palaces.
5. The palace was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.





# Preparing to Listen (Listening 1 - podcast)

**a) Strange**

**e) Cave**

**b) Bridge**

**f) Ancient**

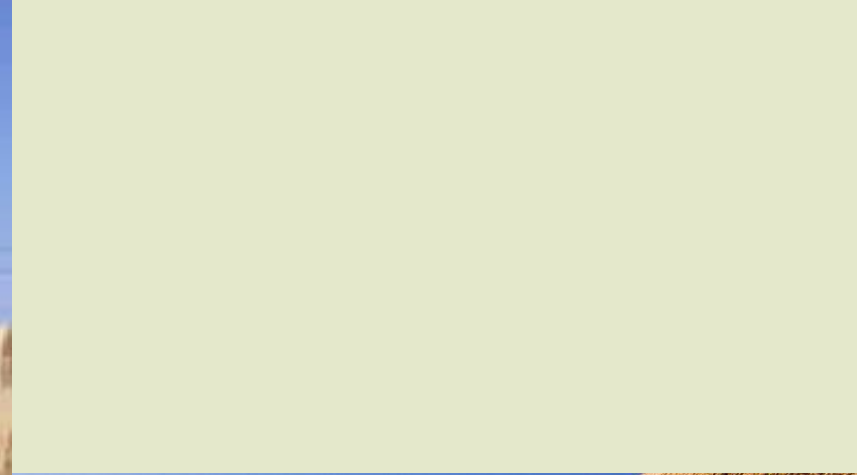
**c) Rock**

**g) Apartment**

**d) Recognize**

**h) Capital**





# Predicting content



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## 7. While listening (Listening 1 - podcast)

1. The speakers on the podcast are

**C. world travelers.**

2. The main topic of the podcast is

**B. unusual places where people live.**



# 8. Complete the notes (Listening 1 - podcast)

- Matamata is in Tunisia.
- Matamata facts: 700 years old. 220 miles south of Tunis.
- Cappadocia is in Turkey.
- Cappadocia facts: caves formed about 8,000 years ago.
- Ponte Vecchio is in Florence, Italy.
- Ponte Vecchio facts: built in 1345.
- Neft Dashlari is in Azerbaijan.
- Neft Dashlari facts: bridge is 30 miles long.
- 2,000 people live there.



# Descriptive Adjectives

a) Cheap



b) Rural



c) Ancient



d) Expensive





# Descriptive Adjectives

e) **Crowded**



g) **Urban**




f) **Modern**



h) **Popular**



## 7. Write the correct word

1. The city of Los Angeles is a large urban area.
  2. Many people like to visit Niagara Falls, so we can say that it is a popular place to go.
  3. The state of Montana has very few cities and a lot of farms. It is one of the most rural places in the U.S.
  4. New York City is a really expensive place to live.  
The cost to live there is very high.
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# Los Angeles, LA





Niagara Falls



USA

Canada





# Montana, MT



# New York City, NYC



# Preparing to Listen (Listening 2 - lecture)

a) Field

e) Traffic

b) Area

f) Urban

c) Modern

g) Woods

d) Lake

h) Located



# Predicting content





# 3. While listening (Listening 2 - lecture)

What was the lecture about?

**B. The advantages and disadvantages of  
lots of parks in a city**



# 4. Taking note (Listening 2 - lecture)

## Advantages of Stanley Park

- Lots gardens
- Walking paths
- Trees and animals
- Trees help clean the city air.
- Parks gives people many places to walk, so they are healthier.
- Near mountains and ocean, enjoy outdoor – ancient trees
- Makes Vancouver a healthy and clean city





**Bald eagle**



**Coyote**



# 4. Taking note (Listening 2 - lecture)

## Disadvantages of Stanley Park

- Not much room for/less space to built new buildings and homes
- Makes Vancouver expensive
- Crowded – a lot of people want to go
- Very bad traffic
- Wild animals can be a problem.

# 5. Complete the sentences with signal words

1. Obviously, Stanley Park is a large park. **Fact**
2. In fact, because it is located in the city of Vancouver, it is the third largest urban park in North America. **Fact**
3. As we know, lots of trees help clean the city air. **Fact**
4. Finally, while I think these disadvantages might mean that some people would not want to visit Vancouver. **Opinion**
5. ... I personally feel that most people would enjoy Vancouver. **Opinion**
6. In my opinion, being close to nature and having a healthy city are worth paying a little more money. **Opinion**



# Distinguishing facts from opinions

**Fact is a general truth about something.**

**Opinion is his or her personal feelings about something.**



# 7. Signal words and phrases

## Facts

Obviously, ...

In fact, ...

As we know, ...

Clearly, ...

Indeed, ...

Evidently, ...

It is evident that ...

Evident for ... will be put forward.

## Opinions

I personally feel ...

I (strongly / truly) believe ...

In my opinion, ...

In my (honest) opinion, ...

It seems to me ...

From my point of view, ...

From my perspective, ...

In my view, ...




## 8. Speakers do not always use signal words to show facts and opinions.

1. Vancouver has the best parts of green forests and city life. **opinion**
2. It has many gardens, walking paths, trees, and even animals like bald eagles, coyotes, and seals. **fact**
3. At the first city meeting, the people of Vancouver asked the national government to give the city 1,000 acres to use as a park. **fact**
4. It is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. **opinion**



# Speaking

## Planning a presentation

- **Use a table: well organised and have enough to say**
  - **Add section for:**
    - **Introduction**
    - **General facts**
    - **Opinions (positives and negatives)**
    - **Summary**
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## Plan for presentation

## Information

- Introduction

- Stanley Park / British Columbia / Canada / Vancouver
- Green city – a place that is good to live in



## Plan for presentation

## Information

- General facts
  - 1800s Europeans came to the city got land from national government
  - Third largest urban park in North America
  - Many gardens, walking paths, trees and animals
  - Bald eagles, coyotes, and seals
  - Ancient trees

## Plan for presentation

- Opinions  
(positives)

## Information

- The best parts of green forests and city life.
- Places to walk, so people are healthier
- People can enjoy..., have fun by ...
- It make Vancouver one of the healthiest and cleanest cities in the world.

<b>Plan for presentation</b>	<b>Information</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opinions (negatives)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Less space to build houses and apartments</li><li>- Expensive city</li><li>- Very bad traffic</li><li>- Wild animals in the park can be a problem</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Summary</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Being close to nature and having a healthy city are worth paying a little more money</li></ul>

# Organising information for a presentation

- a. Parks give people places to walk, so they are healthier. **positives**
- b. Having many parks means there is less space to build houses. **negatives**
- c. Life in Vancouver has more positives than negatives. **summary**
- d. Europeans came to live in Vancouver in the 1800s. **general facts**



# Signposting languages

Organising phrases that help listeners understand your ideas:

## Phrases

- I'd like to tell you about... the city of Vancouver, in British Columbia, Canada.
- First of all, ...let's look at some of the advantages.
- I'd also like to talk about ... some disadvantages of Stanley Park and Vancouver.
- Finally, ...while I think these disadvantages mean that some people would want to visit Vancouver, I personally feel that most people would enjoy Vancouver.



# End of Unit 1

