

READING AND VOCABULARY

1 Read the descriptions on page 30 and decide **which city is being described**.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

2 Match the adjectives (a–f) with their opposites (1–6).

a haphazard	b tacky	c bustling	d soaring	e in-your-face	f awe-inspiring
1 modest	2 unimpressive	3 organized	4 stylish	5 sleepy	6 low-rise

3 Choose the one word in each group that does not collocate with the adjective.

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| a. haphazard: arrangement magazine | d. soaring: houses office buildings |
| b. tacky: clothes decorations meeting | e. in-your-face: celebrities talk fashions |
| c. bustling: family marketplace streets | f. awe-inspiring: performance sight village |

4 Complete the sentences with adjectives from Exercises 1 and 2.

- a. I think the plastic souvenirs some people buy on vacation are really **tacky**
- b. With its 24-hour culture centered on gambling and entertainment, its neon signs, and its brash nature, Las Vegas is one of the world's most _____ cities.
- c. Arriving in Hong Kong harbor, you're immediately struck by the _____ skyscrapers that stretch as far as the eye can see.
- d. The streets were _____ with people waiting for the procession to start.
- e. The city planned the new one-way system in a very _____ way. I kept getting lost and having to ask for directions.
- f. The first sight of the Andes on a clear day is _____

5 Replace the expressions in bold with the expressions in the box. make any necessary changes to the expressions.

fall prey to *live on top of each other *put a finger on something *to make way for a new *work its magic

They knocked down the old stadium in order to put a shopping mall in its place.

to make way for a new shopping mall

- b I could never **quite understand** what he saw in her. _____
- c They were a family of eight and they **were all crammed in together** in a small two-bedroom apartment. _____
- d I **became a victim of** the charms of the street vendors with their beautiful silk scarves and silver jewelry. _____
- e I arrived tired and stressed after an eventful trip, but as I sat by the lake, the view of the sun setting on the water **helped me relax**. _____