

Let's read about the cities Guillermo de Anda has visited!

1.- Look at the pictures and choose the correct option:

The photos were taken...

INDOORS

OUTDOORS

This a...

COUNTRY SCENERY

CITY SCENERY

This city is

NEW

OLD

1 What makes Astana different from other cities? Discuss. Then listen and read. ▶ 002

The city of Astana is truly a **unique** place. It was **constructed** in 1997 to replace the city of Almaty as the **capital** of Kazakhstan. Almaty was in the south-eastern corner of the country, but the president of Kazakhstan wanted a new capital. So Astana was built right in the middle of the country. As a result, this modern city is **surrounded** by nothing but rural areas.

The unusual **architecture** of Astana makes it look like a space-age city. There are amazing **skyscrapers** and eye-catching buildings. A cultural centre looks like a big, blue eye. A university building has the **shape** of a dog bowl.



The Baiterek Tower in central Astana



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Scan with CamScanner

Another unusual building, the Bayterek Tower, is a symbol of the city. This tall structure is 105 m. (345 ft.) high and looks like an enormous tree with a golden egg inside.

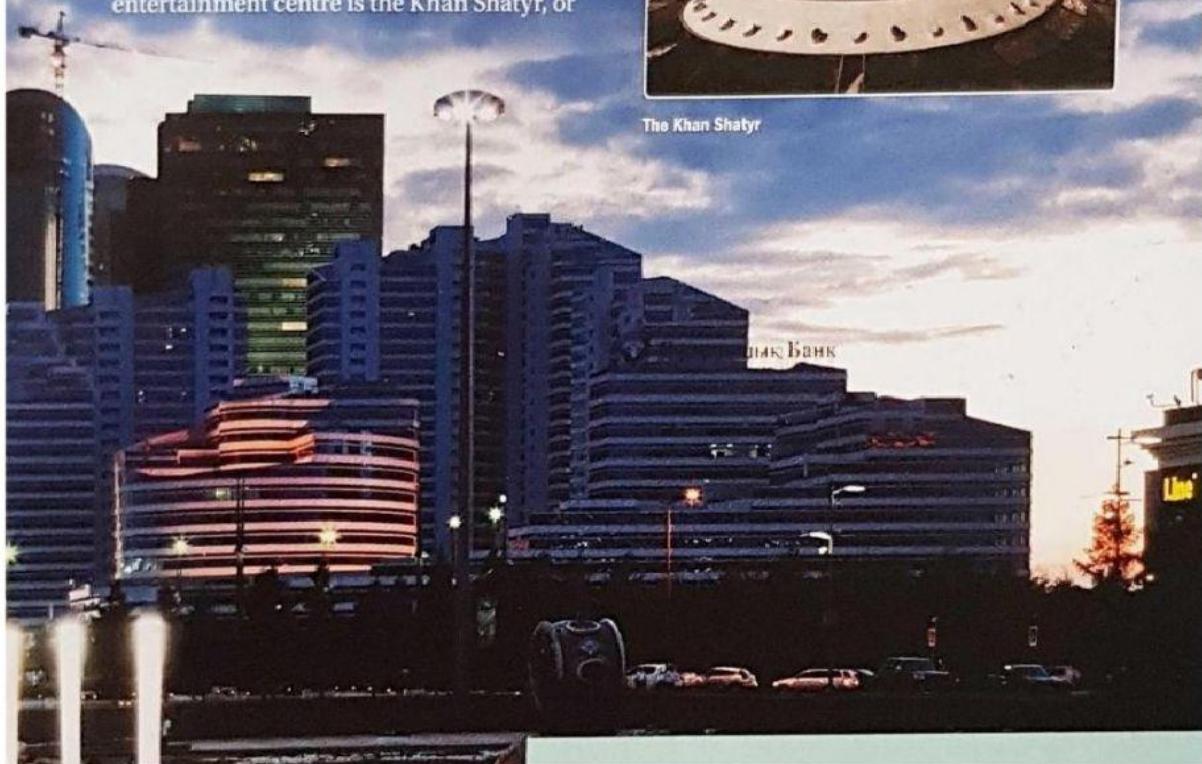
A Japanese architect named Kisho Kurokawa won first prize in a competition to design and plan the new capital. He included many parks and public spaces to connect urban life with nature.

Astana has pleasant summers. But the weather can get very cold in the winter, with temperatures dropping to -40°C (-40°F). Because of its extreme climate, Astana offers a lot of indoor entertainment. A popular entertainment centre is the Khan Shatyr, or

king's tent, the world's largest tent. Inside, there is a river for boating, a park, an indoor running track, a waterslide and even a sandy beach with palm trees! The residents of Astana can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities even when it's well below freezing.



The Khan Shatyr



2.- Choose the correct title for this text.

- ALMATY, A CAPITAL CITY.
- ASTANA, A MODERN CITY.
- ASTANA, AN OLD CITY.

3.- Choose the correct option.

Where is Astana?
IT IS IN ALMATY.
IT IS IN KAZAKHSTAN.
IT IS IN JAPAN.

What is Astana like?

IT IS A VERY COMMON PLACE.
IT IS A UNIQUE PLACE.
IT IS AN OLD PLACE.

Where was it built?

IT WAS BUILT IN THE SOUTH EAST OF THE COUNTRY.

IT WAS BUILT IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY.

IT WAS BUILT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COUNTRY.

Why was it built?

IT WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THE OLD CAPITAL.

IT WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THE OLD BUILDINGS.

IT WAS BUILT TO REPLACE THE CITY OF ALMATY.

Who designed and planned the city?

A JAPANESE DESIGNER.

A CHINESE ARCHITECT.

A JAPANESE ARCHITECT.

What types of constructions are there in Astana?

OLD HOUSES.

EYE-CATCHING SKYSCRAPERS.

SHORT BUILDINGS.

What is the symbol of the city called?

BAYTEREK TOWER.

KHAN SHATYR.

CULTURAL CENTRE.

What's the weather like in Astana?

VERY HOT IN SUMMERS.

EXTREMELY COLD IN WINTER.

COOL

4.- Fill in this short paragraph with information from the text:

IN ASTANA THERE IS A AND

THERE ISN'T A OR A

THERE ARE SOME AND

THERE AREN'T ANY OR

5.- Listen and practise reading the text!

a.-Now, listen to the text.

b.-Let's practise reading! First, read one sentence.

c.-Then, read two or more sentences.

d.-Next, practise reading a paragraph.

e.- Then, one paragraph at a time.

f.- If you can, you can video call a friend and practise with him or her.