

READING



- 2 Look at the picture on page 93 of the City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia, Spain. Which of the words in the box could you use to describe it? Use your dictionary if necessary.

contemporary eccentric hideous important metallic
19th Century post-industrial post-modern run-down
semi-derelict shiny space-age sprawling tough urban

Read the article on page 93 and check your ideas. Classify the words in the box as follows.

- a Words to describe the City of Arts and Sciences (Check (✓) them)
- b Words to describe the city of Valencia (Circle them)
- c Words to describe the area around the City of Arts and Sciences (Underline them)

a: _____

b: _____

c: _____

- 4 Replace the underlined words and phrases in the sentences (a-g) with words and phrases from the article.

- a The City of Arts and Sciences is a large leisure and entertainment complex in Valencia, Spain.
- b Five of the complex's six buildings were designed by the famous architect Santiago Calatrava.
- c The Turia River, which once ran through the city of Valencia, used to practically divide the city into two.
- d One of the interesting things about the complex is that it merges natural and man-made features into its design.
- e Calatrava is responsible for the design of many highly recognizable buildings, bridges, and other structures around the world.
- f He is one of a handful of architects who has produced a great number of works of art.
- g Despite his fame, his work also causes a lot of disagreement.