

## 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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| <b>a. haphazard:</b> arrangement magazine      | <b>d. soaring:</b> houses office buildings         |
| <b>b. tacky:</b> clothes decorations meeting   | <b>e. in-your-face:</b> celebrities talk fashions  |
| <b>c. bustling:</b> family marketplace streets | <b>f. awe-inspiring:</b> 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**. \_\_\_\_\_