

WATCH AND LISTEN



ACTIVATING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

PREDICTING CONTENT USING VISUALS

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

PREPARING TO WATCH

- 1 Work with a partner. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Where is the city of Venice?
 - 2 What do you know about Venice?
 - 3 Why do tourists like to visit old towns or cities like Venice?
- 2 You are going to watch a video about Venice. Look at the photos from the video. Work with a partner. Discuss how this city looks different from other cities.

GLOSSARY

canal (n) a river made by people
gondola (n) a narrow boat with a raised point at both ends, used on canals in Venice
man-made (adj) not natural, but made by people
palace (n) a large, important house or building, often where a king or queen lives
stilts (n) long pieces of wood or metal that a building stands on so that it is above the ground or water

WHILE WATCHING

- 3 Watch the video. Write *T* (true) or *F* (false) next to the statements. Then correct the false statements.
 - 1 There are a lot of canals and bridges.
 - 2 Most of the islands between the canals are big.
 - 3 Today, Venice is important for art and businesses.
 - 4 People know Venice as a popular tourist centre.
 - 5 The Grand Canal is the smallest canal in Venice.
 - 6 The Grand Canal is a man-made river.
 - 7 Another name for Venice is 'The City of Boats'.

4  Watch again. Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Venice have instead of busy roads?
- 2 What don't you see on them?
- 3 What is the name of the special boats in the video?
- 4 What are palaces and other buildings in Venice built on?
- 5 What was the Ca' d'Oro palace decorated with?
- 6 What is the Rialto Bridge made of?

5 Work with a partner. Complete each sentence with a number from the box.

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- 1 There are _____ islands between the canals and _____ bridges in Venice.
- 2 The Grand Canal is more than _____ miles long.
- 3 For nearly _____ years, you could only cross the Grand Canal on the Rialto Bridge.
- 4 A gondola ride usually takes _____ minutes.
- 5 The palace was built in the _____th century.

6 Work with a partner. The speaker in the video says that a gondola ride is 'one of the best 30 minutes you can spend in your life'.

- 1 Why do you think the speaker says this?
- 2 Do you agree with his opinion? Why / Why not?

UNDERSTANDING
DETAIL

MAKING INFERENCES

DISCUSSION

7 Work in a small group. Discuss the questions.

- 1 What do you think it is like to live in Venice?
- 2 Does your hometown or country have any interesting canals, rivers or roads?

8 Look at the advert for gondola boat rides and answer the questions.

- 1 Can you take a boat ride on Monday night?
- 2 Is there a boat ride at 10.00 in the morning?
- 3 Where does the boat ride begin?
- 4 How much does it cost?
- 5 Why do you think the boat rides are from April until October?
- 6 Why do the boats have life jackets?

Gondola Boat Rides

Starting at the Ca' d'Oro
Every day of the week
11.00 am, 2.00 pm, 3.00 pm

€20 per person
from April to October

We have life jackets for everyone!

