

**PART 1.** Open your workbook at page 58 and solve exercises 1 and 2. Then transcript the answers here.

## Writing a description of a place

**1** Read the introduction to a webpage. Then read the information about Amsterdam that a website reader has prepared. Match the website ideas (1–7) with the information (a–g).

- a** cycling around town (a daily activity) or into the nearby countryside. Rowing (on the Amstel River) is also a popular sport among the locals.
- b** how cosmopolitan it is. **As** almost 200 different nationalities live here, it's a very vibrant town with a broad range of cultural activities every day of the year ... and all that within a village-like setting!
- c** it's one of the most multi-faceted cities in the world. Its cosmopolitan landscape, liberal mentality, world-class museums, stunning canals and fascinating history merge to exude a unique charm that's simply captivating.
- d** on the bridge that crosses the Groenburgwal canal. Amsterdam is very photogenic and there are many great spots for a memorable picture.
- e** the Begijnhof in the heart of Amsterdam – a tranquil place with beautiful houses and trees. It's simply the most magical place.
- f** the tallest men. The Dutch are some of the tallest people on this planet.
- g** the Van Gogh Museum (I'm a big fan of Van Gogh). But there are many others, **like** the Rijksmuseum with its stunning collection of Rembrandts.



Welcome to another edition of **I Love My City**. This week we have an insider's tour of **Amsterdam**.

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- 1 The first place I take a visitor from out of town is ...
- 2 If you come to my city, get your picture taken ...
- 3 In my city, an active day outdoors involves ...
- 4 My city's best museum is ...
- 5 The most unexpected thing about my city is ...
- 6 My city has ...
- 7 My city should be featured on your website because ...

## 2 Writing skill organizing ideas

Match these categories (1–3) with the information (a–g) in Exercise 1.

- 1 places to see
- 2 things to do
- 3 general information

**PART 2.** Open your workbook at page 58 and solve exercises 3a and b. Then transcript the answers here.

### 3 Word focus *as* and *like*

**a** Look at the highlighted words in the article.

Choose the correct option.

1 *as* = *because / such as*



*as* can replace **because**

2 *like* = *because / such as*



*like* can replace **such as**

**Remember:** *such as* = **for example or similar to**

**b** Complete the sentences about Amsterdam with *as* or *like*.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ there are so many museums,  
there's lots to do on a rainy day.

2 Places \_\_\_\_\_ Amsterdam are full of  
surprises.

3 \_\_\_\_\_ it's so photogenic, it attracts lots  
of photographers.

4 People here love outdoor activities  
\_\_\_\_\_ cycling and rowing.

5 It's great for cycling \_\_\_\_\_ it's so flat.

6 At certain times of year \_\_\_\_\_ spring,  
it's really beautiful.