

1 Look at these two photographs and discuss the three questions.

- Where are these pictures?
- How are they similar?
- How are they different?



2 In your exercise book, make a list of six words or phrases associated with a mall and six associated with a market.

Compare your list with another student's list.



Learning to Predict

Before you listen to a text for the first time, try and predict the kind of information you are likely to hear. This will help you to guess more easily the vocabulary associated with the topic.

3 Draw two columns into your exercise book. Write 'Malls' at the top of one column and 'Souqs (Markets)' at the top of the other. Quickly read through the list of phrases below. Then listen to the talk and complete the activity.

You are going to hear a tour guide talking about shopping in Muscat. Read the phrases below. Can you predict whether they will go with a mall or souq (market) or both? Listen to the talk and write the numbers of the phrases into the appropriate column.

(Note: Four of the phrases are not in the talk).

Malls:

- coffee bars and restaurants
- a great variety of things to buy
- easy customer parking
- a shopper's paradise
- old-fashioned charm
- narrow passages with tiny shops
- top brand names

Markets:

- friendly shopkeepers
- traditional market style
- latest fashions
- bright lights
- wide walkways
- opportunities for bargaining
- quick easy shopping

