

Lesson **D** Reading 

## A Day Out in Amsterdam

You arrive in Amsterdam on vacation. You're a tourist. You don't have a car. Don't worry! Tourists rent bikes. It's a great way to see the city and the beautiful, old Dutch houses. Go by bike to these places. You'll have a great day out in Amsterdam.

*Hortus Botanicus* is a beautiful, old (1) \_\_\_\_\_. There are over 4,000 types of plants and flowers there. It's amazing and relaxing. There is also a good (2) \_\_\_\_\_ here called *The Orangery*. The food is excellent.

There is also the *Allard Pierson* (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Here, there are 17,500 old objects from all over the world, like beautiful mosaics from the Roman Empire, sculptures from Greece, or hieroglyphs from the time of the Egyptians.

Amsterdam's nickname is Venice of the North. It's easy to see why. It has 165 canals in the *Grachtengordel*. This is the name of the Canal District in the city. The canals are 47 miles long. Rent a boat to travel on the canal or follow the canals on a bike. Visit the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Canals to learn more.

Do you like music? Go to the Royal (5) \_\_\_\_\_, *Koninklijk Concertgebouw*. There are 800 concerts every year. Every Wednesday, there is a concert in the Main Hall or in the Recital Hall and you don't have to pay. After, there is a tour, too. The tour costs 10 euros.

Amsterdam has many canals.

