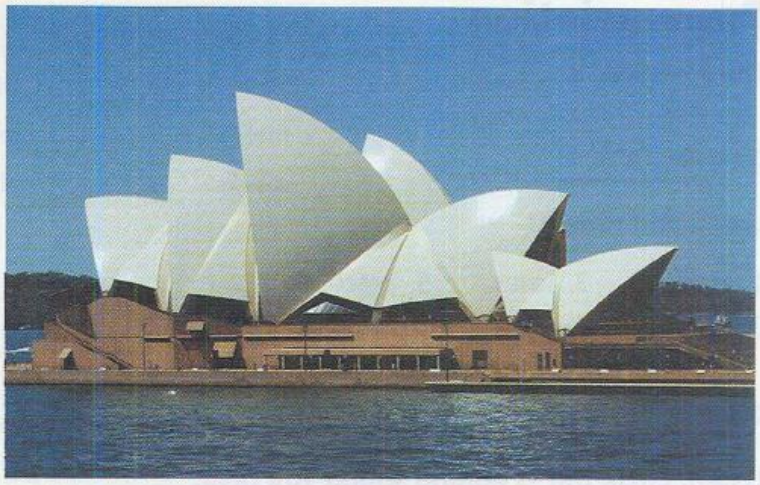
UNIT 23

Places

Getting Ready

Match the statements with the correct cities.

a. Paris
b. Rio de Janeiro
c. Hong Kong
d. San Francisco
e. Sydney
f. Montreal



1. It's a beautiful city with a very famous beach. Thousands of people attend Carnival here every year. b
2. It's a popular city for tourists from all over the world. It is famous for its cable cars. ___
3. It's a beautiful city on a harbor. It has a famous opera house. ___
4. It's a noisy city and it's very crowded. People there speak English and Chinese. ___
5. It's a modern city where people speak both French and English. It has very cold winters. ___
6. It is a romantic city with some beautiful old buildings. It has a very famous tower. ___

Listening 1

Do the people like the cities they live in? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

	Likes it a lot	Likes it a little	Doesn't like it
1.	☑	☐	☐
2.	☐	☐	☐
3.	☐	☐	☐
4.	☐	☐	☐
5.	☐	☐	☐
6.	☐	☐	☐

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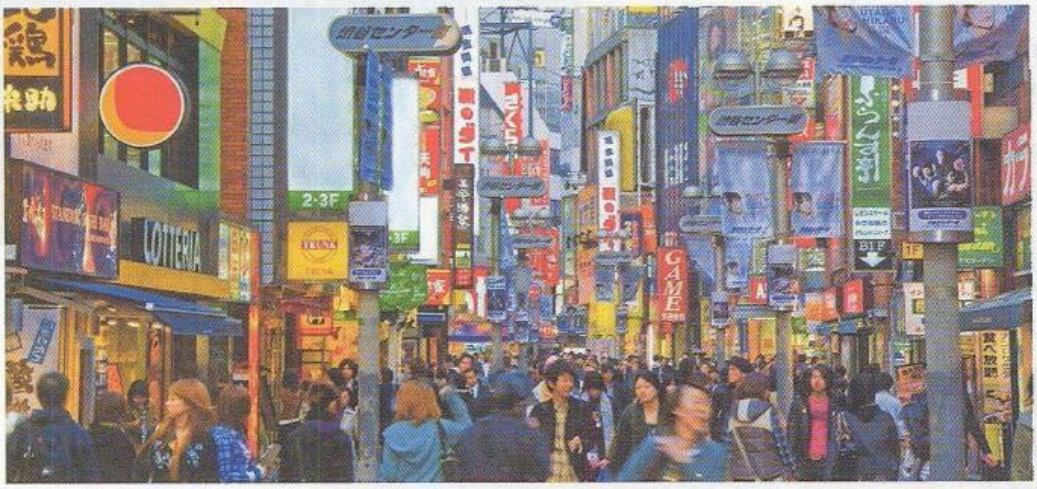
Listening 2

CD 3-35 ▶ Task 1

People are talking about cities. Listen and check (✓) the word that describes each city.



1. ☑ great
   ☐ safe
   ☐ cheap

2. ☐ crowded
   ☐ quiet
   ☐ polluted

3. ☐ noisy
   ☐ clean
   ☐ crowded

4. ☐ boring
   ☐ great
   ☐ cheap

5. ☐ small
   ☐ crowded
   ☐ noisy

6. ☐ boring
   ☐ small
   ☐ lovely

7. ☐ ugly
   ☐ dangerous
   ☐ safe

8. ☐ expensive
   ☐ large
   ☐ small

CD 3-35 ▶ Task 2

Listen again. Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. a. There aren't many interesting places to visit.
   (b.) There is a lot to do.

2. a. People are noisy in the street.
   b. It's nice and quiet.

3. a. The air isn't clean.
   b. The streets are not crowded.

4. a. Everything is cheap
   b. Everything is expensive.

5. a. It's pretty small and quiet.
   b. It's crowded and noisy.

6. a. It's not a pretty city.
   b. The scenery is beautiful.

7. a. It's good for families.
   b. It's dangerous.

8. a. It's a small city.
   b. It has great nightlife.

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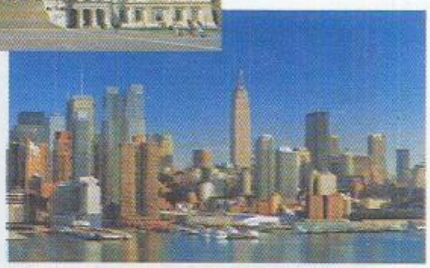
Listening 3



CD 3-36 ▶ Task 1

People are comparing two cities. Listen and circle the city each person prefers.

1. a. Washington, D.C.
   b. New York
2. a. Los Angeles
   b. San Francisco
3. a. Singapore
   b. Hong Kong
4. a. Sydney
   b. Melbourne

CD 3-36 ▶ Task 2

Listen again. Which city do the words describe? Check (✓) the correct answer.

1.

	Washington D.C.	New York
more exciting	☐	☑
more beautiful	☐	☐
cheaper restaurants	☐	☐
better theater	☐	☐

2.

	Los Angeles	San Francisco
huge	☐	☐
more beautiful	☐	☐
boring	☐	☐
fast-moving	☐	☐

3.

	Singapore	Hong Kong
more beautiful	☐	☐
more comfortable	☐	☐
clean	☐	☐
polluted	☐	☐

4.

	Sydney	Melbourne
more exciting	☐	☐
more beautiful	☐	☐
better prices	☐	☐
more relaxing	☐	☐

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Pronunciation

Sentence stress

> **Pronunciation Help**
>
> Tap your desk as you read a sentence. It will help you to hear which words are stressed.

CD 3-37 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen and repeat.

1. It's a noisy city.
2. It's very crowded.
3. Everything is cheap.
4. The parks are beautiful.

CD 3-38 ▶ **Task 2**

Listen. Mark the stressed words.

1. Melbourne is a relaxing city.
2. The pollution is getting really bad.
3. Osaka has lots of clubs.
4. This is a nice place to live.

Dictation

CD 3-39 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen. Write the missing words.

A: So, how do you like living here?

B: Well, it's okay. The _____ are _____ friendly.

A: That's true.

B: And there are lots of great _____ and _____.

A: Yeah, the nightlife is terrific. I go out all the time.

B: But it's too _____ for me, and I can't _____ the _____.

A: I know what you mean. The _____ gets _____ every year!

▶ **Task 2**

Practice the conversation with a partner. Be sure to use the correct stress in each sentence.

Conversation

Work in pairs. Think about a city near you. What do you like about it? What do you dislike? Tell your partner.

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