

**Before you watch****1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What are the best and worst things about living in a big city?
- 2 In the future, would you prefer to live in a big city or a small town? Why?
- 3 What do you like and dislike about the capital city in your country?

**Comprehension check****2** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the population of the city of Seoul?  
a 10 million    b 15 million    c 70 million
- 2 Where is Songdo?  
a under the sea    b in Seoul    c near Seoul
- 3 How many people already live in Songdo?  
a 50,000    b 65,000    c 90,000

**3** Watch again. Tick the things that you see.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| a skyscrapers            | <input type="checkbox"/> | e lots of traffic  | <input type="checkbox"/> | i a large bridge    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b a city by a river      | <input type="checkbox"/> | f public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | j a dog walker      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c an underground station | <input type="checkbox"/> | g a sports stadium | <input type="checkbox"/> | k a tree-lined road | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d a street market        | <input type="checkbox"/> | h an old church    | <input type="checkbox"/> | l a computer room   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**4** Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words below.

businesses   crowded   empty   energy   tallest   technology   temperature   spaces

- 1 Seoul is more \_\_\_\_\_ than London and New York.
- 2 Songdo uses \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the city clean and healthy.
- 3 There are lots of open \_\_\_\_\_ in the new city.
- 4 Korea's \_\_\_\_\_ building is in the centre of Songdo.
- 5 Sensors in the city monitor \_\_\_\_\_ and traffic in the city.
- 6 People's rubbish will generate \_\_\_\_\_ in the future.
- 7 At the moment, there aren't many \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
- 8 Many of the apartments are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Round up****5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to live in a place like Songdo? Why? / Why not?

## Vocabulary

- 6 **RECYCLE** Choose the correct word to complete the compound adjectives in the sentences. There are two extra words.

crowded blowing based populated respected known needed breaking

- 1 Samsung is one of the best-\_\_\_\_\_ technology companies in the world.
- 2 The city centre gets really over-\_\_\_\_\_ on a Saturday night.
- 3 They have made some much-\_\_\_\_\_ improvements to the city library recently.
- 4 Seoul has record-\_\_\_\_\_ internet speeds.
- 5 Manila in the Philippines is the most densely \_\_\_\_\_ city in the world.
- 6 The Songdo project is a mind-\_\_\_\_\_ development.

- 7 Complete the text with the words below.

congestion outskirts planners pollution traffic

## The cleanest city in the world

In 2015, Calgary, in Canada, was named as the world's cleanest city. But how do they measure what is clean and what isn't? There are five important factors, including the levels of air <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of traffic <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in the city centre.

Calgary has an excellent public transport system that connects the <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ with the city, which means there is less <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ driving through its centre. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ in the city have also designed a huge network of over 600 km of paths for walking and cycling, helping people to stay fit and healthy.

### Extension

- 8 Work in groups. Make a presentation about what you could do to make your city cleaner, greener and a healthier place to live. Include the following:

- reducing traffic congestion
- reducing air pollution
- encouraging people to use their cars less
- ways to make the city centre cleaner

- 9 Give your presentation to the class. Use the key phrases to check other groups' ideas.

#### Asking for clarification

Sorry, do you think you could repeat that?  
What do you mean by ... ?  
Is that something like ... ?  
Is that the same as ... ?