

# Describing a town or city



## 1 WHERE IS IT? HOW BIG IS IT?

a Look at the map. Then read the description of York and circle the correct words or phrases.

**York** is a city in the south / north of England, on the River Ouse / the coast. It's about 25 miles east / west of Leeds. It's a small / medium-sized / large city and it has a population of about 200,000. It's famous for its cathedral, York Minster, and its historic city centre.

b 5.9 Listen and check.

## 2 WHAT'S IT LIKE?

a Match the adjectives to sentences 1–6.

### Opposite

5 boring /'bɔ:riŋ/

exciting

crowded /'kraʊdɪd/

dangerous /'deɪndʒərəs/

modern /'mɒdn/

noisy /'nɔɪzi/

polluted /pə'lutɪd/

- 1 There are a lot of bars and clubs with loud music.
- 2 The air is very dirty.
- 3 There are too many people.
- 4 The buildings were all built quite recently.
- 5 ~~There's nothing to do.~~
- 6 You have to be careful, especially at night.

b Match these adjectives to their opposites in a.

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clean /kli:n/   empty /'empti/   exciting /ɪk'saitɪŋ/  
historic /hɪ'stɔ:rɪk/   interesting /'ɪntrestɪŋ/  
quiet /'kwaɪət/   safe /seɪf/

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c  **5.10** Listen and check your answers to a and b.

d Cover the words and look at the sentences. Remember the adjectives and their opposites.

### 3 WHAT IS THERE TO SEE?

a Put the words in the correct column.

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bridge /brɪdʒ/   canal /kə'næl/   castle /'ka:sl/   cathedral /kə'θi:drəl/   church /tʃɜ:tʃ/   city walls /'siti wɔ:lz/   department store /dɪ'pa:tment ,stɔ:/   harbour /'ha:bə/   hill /hil/   lake /leɪk/   market /'ma:kɪt/   mosque /mɒsk/   museum /mju'zi:əm/   palace /'pæləs/   ruins /'ru:inz/   shopping centre (mall) /'ʃɒpɪŋ ,sentə/   statue /'stætʃu:/   synagogue /'sɪnəgɒg/   temple /'templ/   town hall /taʊn 'hɔ:l/

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Religious buildings	Places where you can buy things	Historic buildings and monuments	Others
cathedral	department store	castle	bridge

b  **5.11** Listen and check.

**ACTIVATION** Describe your nearest city in the same way as York in 1. Choose three adjectives from 2 to describe it. Which of the places in 3 are there / aren't there in your city?

