

# Megacities!

A megacity is a city with more than ten million people. In 2017, there were sixteen megacities in the world. Six of them were in China. In China, a lot of cities are getting bigger and bigger. They build a new **skyscraper** every five days!

This is Shenzhen. It's a very big city in China. But forty years ago, it was very different. In those days, it was a small town with only 30,000 people. But the big companies arrived then. Very soon, there were big **factories** and a lot of jobs for people. There were new buildings everywhere!

These days, there are huge supermarkets, **shopping centers**, and skyscrapers. More than eighteen million people live in and around Shenzhen. They make things like cell phones, tablets, and computers now.

What things in *your* house are from Shenzhen, do you think?

**1** Write the words.



1. s \_\_\_\_\_  
c \_\_\_\_\_



2. f \_\_\_\_\_



3. s \_\_\_\_\_

**2** Read. Write the sentences (A-F).

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- A. It's a very big city in China.
- B. Six of them were in China.
- C. These days, there are huge supermarkets, shopping centers, and skyscrapers.
- D. They build a new skyscraper every five days!
- E. They make things like cell phones, tablets, and computers now.
- F. Very soon, there were big factories and a lot of jobs for people.

**3** Read again. Circle the correct word.

- 1. Megacities have more than ten *thousand* / *million* / *billion* people.
- 2. There were *six* / *sixteen* / *sixty* megacities in China in 2017.
- 3. In China, there are six new *buildings* / *factories* / *skyscrapers* every month.
- 4. In 1980, Shenzhen was *much smaller* / *the same size* / *much bigger* than today.
- 5. More than *eight* / *eighteen* / *eighty* million people live in and around Shenzhen.