



4.5 Video

Songdo

- 1 Work with a partner. Discuss the meaning of the phrases in bold. Find examples of some of these phrases in the photos.

In my town, ...

- you can see a lot of large **property development projects** at the moment.
 - many people use **environmentally friendly forms of transport** such as walking or cycling.
 - designers are developing **cutting-edge technology** to help keep pollution levels low.
 - there are **fast transport links** to the country's other main cities.
- 2 Tell your partner if you think the sentences in exercise 1 are true (T) or false (F) about your hometown. Why?
- 3  Watch the video. Answer the questions.
- Why did city planners decide to develop a new city?
 - How is Songdo different to many other cities?
- 4  Watch again. Complete the summary with the words in the box.

businesses university park space waste and rubbish land pollution

City developers are building Songdo on 1 _____ which was underwater until some years ago. There are plenty of green spaces in the city, and there is a large 2 _____ in the centre with skyscrapers all around it. Property developers have built 80,000 new homes as well as schools and a 3 _____. The city aims to watch 4 _____ levels carefully by using technology to measure energy use and car use. Designers are also planning a system which will soon use the population's 5 _____ to generate renewable energy. Families like living here because there is so much 6 _____. Planners also hope that they will soon see more 7 _____ in Songdo when transport links with Seoul are even faster.

Songdo is a city of the future, and it could become a model for many other cities around the world.

- 5a **TASK** Work with a partner. Student A lives in Songdo and loves it. Student B has a small business and young family, and is thinking of moving to Songdo. Discuss whether or not Student B should move to Songdo.
- b Work with another pair and compare your ideas.

