1 VOCABULARY describing a town or city

a Think about how to answer these questions about where you live. Compare your answers with a partner.

- Do you live in a village, a town, or a city?
- Where is it?
- How big is it? What's the population?
- What's it like?

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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.

b Match these adjectives to their opposites in **a**.

clean /kliːn/ empty /'empti/ exciting /ɪk'saɪtɪŋ/ historic /hɪ'stɒrɪk/ interesting /'ɪntrestɪŋ/ quiet /'kwaɪət/ safe /seɪf/

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.

2 WHAT'S IT LIKE?

a Match the adjectives to sentences 1–6.

		Opposite
5	boring /'bɔːrɪŋ/	*exciting*
	crowded /'kraʊdɪd/	
	dangerous /'deɪndʒərəs/	
	modern /'mɒdn/	
	noisy /'nɔɪzi/	
	polluted /pə'luːtɪd/	

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.

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3 WHAT IS THERE TO SEE?

a Put the words in the correct column.

bridge /brɪdʒ/ canal /kə'næl/ castle /'kɑːsl/
cathedral /kə'θiːdrəl/ church /tʃɜːtʃ/ city walls /'sɪti wɔːlz/
department store /dɪ'pɑːtmənt ˌstɔː/ harbour /'hɑːbə/ hill /hɪl/
lake /leɪk/ market /'mɑːkɪt/ mosque /mɒsk/ museum /mju'ziːəm/
palace /'pæləs/ ruins /'ruːɪnz/ shopping centre (mall) /'ʃɒpɪŋ ˌsentə/
statue /'stætʃuː/ synagogue /'sɪnəgɒg/ temple /'templ/
town hall /taʊn 'hɔːl/

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?

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