



## 1 READING

**a** Which cities do you know that have metros?

**b** Read *Metros around the world*. Match the cities with pictures a-c.

**c** Which metro ... ?

- |                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 is very old    | 4 looks nice                 |
| 2 is very new    | 5 has trains with no drivers |
| 3 has good views | 6 do you think is the best   |

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### METROS AROUND THE WORLD

**Dubai**  
The Dubai Metro opened in 2009. It's 76 kilometres long and there are no drivers. The metro goes above ground in many places, so you can see the city really well. Of course it has air conditioning (it needs it because the temperature in Dubai can sometimes be above 40°C!).

**Moscow**  
If you visit Moscow, go on the Moscow Metro. It opened in 1935 and the stations are very beautiful, with statues and lamps. Eight million people use it every day so it can get very crowded. There are police at the stations so it's very safe, even at night.

**London**  
The London Underground – the 'Tube' – was the first underground (or metro) in the world. It opened in 1863. It now has 270 stations and you can go nearly everywhere in London. It's not cheap and the trains are often full, but it's unusual because it's very deep under the ground (50 metres in some places). One station, Hampstead, has 320 steps!

**Our reviews**

**'Amazing' ★★★★★**  
The stations are really fantastic. I went from one station to the next and took lots of photos. And the trains are also good. It's a fast and comfortable way to see the city.

**'Loved it!'**  
It was clean and never late so we didn't wait at all. The air conditioning was great and the seats were comfortable – you can really relax. I preferred it to a taxi and it was a cool way to travel when it was hot outside.

**'Good but expensive'**  
It's a fast way to get around such a big city but it's quite expensive. Also, it's sometimes very crowded and uncomfortable – a few times we couldn't even get on the train. And you have to be careful because the platforms aren't very wide so there's not much space!

**'Difficult to find your way'**  
We don't speak Russian and there's nothing in English at the stations, so it's not easy to know where to go. But it's very cheap – you can go across the city for 30 roubles.



## 2 VOCABULARY

### Transport adjectives

**a** Find the opposite adjectives in the texts.  
Write them in the table.

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| fast        | slow      |
|             | dangerous |
| empty       | /         |
| comfortable |           |
|             | expensive |
|             | dirty     |

**b** **2.77 Pronunciation** Listen and check your answers. Practise saying the words.

**c** Which of the adjectives are positive?  
Which are negative?

**d** **2.78** Listen to the words and underline the stressed syllable in each word.  
comfortable   dangerous   expensive