

Before you watch**1 SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What are the best and worst things about living in a big city?
- 2 In the future, would you prefer to live in a big city or a small town? Why?
- 3 What do you like and dislike about the capital city in your country?

Comprehension check**2** Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the population of the city of Seoul?
a 10 million b 15 million c 70 million
- 2 Where is Songdo?
a under the sea b in Seoul c near Seoul
- 3 How many people already live in Songdo?
a 50,000 b 65,000 c 90,000

3 Watch again. Tick the things that you see.

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| a skyscrapers | ☐ | e lots of traffic | ☐ | i a large bridge | ☐ |
| b a city by a river | ☐ | f public transport | ☐ | j a dog walker | ☐ |
| c an underground station | ☐ | g a sports stadium | ☐ | k a tree-lined road | ☐ |
| d a street market | ☐ | h an old church | ☐ | l a computer room | ☐ |

4 Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words below.

businesses crowded empty energy tallest technology temperature spaces

- 1 Seoul is more _____ than London and New York.
- 2 Songdo uses _____ to keep the city clean and healthy.
- 3 There are lots of open _____ in the new city.
- 4 Korea's _____ building is in the centre of Songdo.
- 5 Sensors in the city monitor _____ and traffic in the city.
- 6 People's rubbish will generate _____ in the future.
- 7 At the moment, there aren't many _____ in the city.
- 8 Many of the apartments are _____.

Round up**5 SPEAKING** Work in groups. Answer the question.

Would you like to live in a place like Songdo? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

- 6 **RECYCLE** Choose the correct word to complete the compound adjectives in the sentences. There are two extra words.

crowded blowing based populated respected known needed breaking

- 1 Samsung is one of the best-_____ technology companies in the world.
- 2 The city centre gets really over-_____ on a Saturday night.
- 3 They have made some much-_____ improvements to the city library recently.
- 4 Seoul has record-_____ internet speeds.
- 5 Manila in the Philippines is the most densely _____ city in the world.
- 6 The Songdo project is a mind-_____ development.

- 7 Complete the text with the words below.

congestion outskirts planners pollution traffic

The cleanest city in the world

In 2015, Calgary, in Canada, was named as the world's cleanest city. But how do they measure what is clean and what isn't? There are five important factors, including the levels of air ¹_____ and the amount of traffic ²_____ in the city centre.

Calgary has an excellent public transport system that connects the ³_____ with the city, which means there is less ⁴_____ driving through its centre. ⁵_____ in the city have also designed a huge network of over 600 km of paths for walking and cycling, helping people to stay fit and healthy.

Extension

- 8 Work in groups. Make a presentation about what you could do to make your city cleaner, greener and a healthier place to live. Include the following:

- reducing traffic congestion
- reducing air pollution
- encouraging people to use their cars less
- ways to make the city centre cleaner

- 9 Give your presentation to the class. Use the key phrases to check other groups' ideas.

Asking for clarification

Sorry, do you think you could repeat that?
What do you mean by ... ?
Is that something like ... ?
Is that the same as ... ?