

Describing a town or city



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.

2 WHAT'S IT LIKE?

a Match the adjectives to sentences 1–6.

	Opposite
5 <u>boring</u> /'bɔ:ɪŋ/	<u>exciting</u>
<u>crowded</u> /'kraʊdɪd/	_____
<u>dangerous</u> /'deɪndʒərəs/	_____
<u>modern</u> /'mɒdn/	_____
<u>noisy</u> /'nɔɪzi/	_____
<u>polluted</u> /pə'lu:tɪd/	_____

- 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.

b Match these adjectives to their opposites in a.

clean /kli:n/ 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.

3 WHAT IS THERE TO SEE?

- a Put the words in the correct column.

bridge /brɪdʒ/ canal /kə'næl/ castle /'kɑ:sl/
cathedral /kə'thi:drəl/ church /tʃɜ:tʃ/ city walls /'sɪti wɔ:lz/
department store /dɪ'pɑ:tmənt ,stɔ:/ harbour /'hɑ:bə/ hill /hɪl/
lake /leɪk/ market /'mɑ:kɪt/ mosque /mɒsk/ museum /mju:'zi:əm/
palace /'pæləs/ ruins /'ru:ɪnz/ shopping centre (mall) /'ʃɒpɪŋ ,sentə/
statue /'stætʃu:/ synagogue /'sɪnəɡɒɡ/ temple /'templ/
town hall /taʊn 'hɔ:l/

Religious buildings	Places where you can buy things	Historic buildings and monuments	Others
<i>cathedral</i>	<i>department store</i>	<i>castle</i>	<i>bridge</i>

- 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?

