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SIGHTSEEING

VOCABULARY Buildings and areas

1 Complete the descriptions with the pairs of adjectives in the box.

deprived / residential	rough / run-down
high-rise / hideous	affluent / stunning
up-and-coming / trendy	historic / grand

- People say it's an area. They're starting to open a lot more shops, bars and stuff like that. I hope it doesn't get too, though, as the house prices will go up.
- The architecture is amazing. It's full of buildings like the first synagogue in the area, but there are also palaces and squares.
- It's always been a bit with lots of litter and graffiti everywhere, but now it's starting to look really All the houses are in a terrible state.
- It's always been the most district in the city and I could never afford to live there. The houses are, with up to seven bedrooms and enormous gardens.
- About 20 years ago this part of town was quite There were lots of empty houses and shops, and very few facilities. Now it's been transformed into a quiet, area. Loads of young families live there.
- They're planning to build some blocks of about 25 floors on the edge of the old town. I think mixing old and new like that is going to look

2 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- A: Wow! Look at that castle. It totally (dominate) the whole area. What does it say about it in the guidebook?
B: Apparently, it (date back) to the sixteenth century and it (renovate) several times since then.
- A: Why have they bought a flat down by the station? It used to be really rough down there. I always told visitors (steer clear) of it.
B: It's all changed now. They (knock down) the run-down old buildings about a year ago and built some trendy new flats. Needless to say, prices over there (soar) now.
- A: Do you remember where I used to live?
B: Yeah, it was quite trendy. Lots of small shops and businesses (base) there. And there was that old factory on the main road.
A: Yes! You wouldn't recognise it now. It (clean up) and it houses a big art gallery and café.

GRAMMAR

Relative clauses

3 Add commas where necessary.

- We'd walked round the same streets five times at which point I decided it was time to buy a map.
- The local people who had at first appeared rather unfriendly couldn't do enough for us.
- Our hotel turned out to be in a pretty run-down part of town which really spoils the trip.
- Most of the old town where my parents lived for many years had been knocked down and completely rebuilt.
- We booked several day trips to the surrounding areas all of which were really good value for money.
- The first day of the festival when everyone dresses up in amazing costumes is the one not to miss.

4 Match the information (A-F) in the box to sentences 1-6, rewriting it each time as a relative clause.

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| A | It was completely amazing. |
| B | We had missed dinner by then. |
| C | She had done a course in Mandarin Chinese. |
| D | His family is from South Africa. |
| E | My brother-in-law has a boat there. |
| F | None of them were open when we actually got there. |

- It was very relaxing to spend a few days in Cannes, where my brother-in-law has a boat E.
- The tour didn't finish until 10pm.
- We spent a week exploring the coastline.
- We couldn't have managed in Beijing without Nicola.
- My old boss gave us a lot of travel tips about Cape Town.
- We spent ages planning our visit to different vineyards.

DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

Agreeing using synonyms

5 Match the opinions and responses.

- 1 I've never seen such a run-down area.
- 2 The architecture in the old town is amazing.
- 3 The height of that tower is unbelievable.
- 4 What wonderful old buildings!
- 5 The people round here must be quite wealthy.
- 6 They've turned this into quite a trendy area.
- 7 Aren't those high-rise flats awful?
- 8 The design of the roof is a bit strange.

- a You're right. It's absolutely stunning.
- b I know. They're beautiful, aren't they?
- c Yes, it does look quite an affluent area.
- d I agree. It does look a bit weird.
- e Yes, it does look pretty rough, doesn't it?
- f Yes, I heard it was quite fashionable now.
- g I know. It's incredible, isn't it?
- h I agree. They look hideous.

6 Write responses agreeing with these opinions, using a suitable synonym.

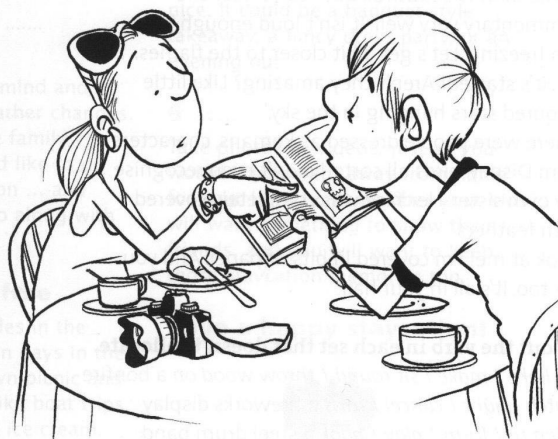
- 1 A: The view across the bay is lovely.
B: *Yes, it is beautiful, isn't it?*
- 2 A: This looks quite a fashionable area.
B:
- 3 A: I think the new architecture round here is really hideous.
B:
- 4 A: I'd hate to live here. It looks really rough.
B:
- 5 A: The design of the new gallery is a bit weird.
B:
- 6 A: Just look at the design of that cathedral. Isn't it stunning?
B:
- 7 A: The condition of the buildings in the old town is incredible.
B:
- 8 A: I think this must be the most affluent part of the whole city.
B:

LISTENING

7 2.1 You are going to hear two people planning a day's sightseeing. Listen and tick the places / events they decide to visit.

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| the annual parade | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the City Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a tour of the temple ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the street market | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the old town | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| old Merchant's House | <input type="checkbox"/> |

8 Number the places in the order they are going to visit them. Listen again if you need to.



PRONUNCIATION Connected speech

9 Underline the main stresses and mark the linking (final consonant + vowel sound).

- 1 It starts in the town square and then goes all the way through the main streets.
- 2 The city museum has one of the best collections of modern and abstract art in the country.
- 3 It's not the kind of place you can see in just a short time.
- 4 Take a trip into the past and soak up the atmosphere at the street market.
- 5 So, we spend the morning at the market and we end up at the parade.
- 6 We need to be up there for the parade anyway.

10 2.2 Listen and check. Practise saying the sentences.