

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

- 1 What sports and shopping facilities are there in your region?
- 2 Which ones do you use and how often?
- 3 What new sports or shopping facility would you most like to see built in your city? Why?

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

- 1 Where is Hollywood?
 - a near New York
 - b next to Los Angeles
 - c close to San Francisco
- 2 What is the population of Los Angeles?
 - a 2 million
 - b 400,000
 - c 4 million
- 3 Which area in Los Angeles is the most popular with celebrities?
 - a Santa Monica
 - b Beverly Hills
 - c Burbank

3  Watch again. Tick the things that you see.

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| a swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> | f main roads | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b movie studios | <input type="checkbox"/> | g seashore | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c skyscrapers | <input type="checkbox"/> | h recording studios | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d tennis courts | <input type="checkbox"/> | i movie stars | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e flood lights | <input type="checkbox"/> | j police officers | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4  Watch again. Match the descriptions (a–f) with the places (1–6).

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| 1 Hollywood | a an expensive shopping street |
| 2 Beverly Hills | b a good mix of shops, homes and companies |
| 3 Santa Monica | c home of the major movie studios |
| 4 Rodeo Drive | d popular with families for its parks and open spaces |
| 5 Burbank | e home to rich and famous people |
| 6 Woodland Hills | f by the sea |

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

Would you like to visit Los Angeles? Why? / Why not?

Vocabulary

- 6 **RECYCLE** Make six compound nouns or adjectives with the words below. Then complete the sentences with the correct compound nouns or adjectives.

air courts full high main mountain open range road sized speed tennis

- 1 The _____ into the city centre is closed today, so it's probably best to walk.
- 2 There are nineteen grass _____ that the players use during the Wimbledon championships.
- 3 The Andes _____ in South America is the longest in the world.
- 4 We don't have a _____ football pitch at our school because there isn't enough space.
- 5 The police were involved in a _____ car chase with the bank robbers.
- 6 There's an _____ swimming pool in our town which opens every summer.

- 7 Complete the text with the words below.

brands designer digital fashion movie personalities

Fifth Avenue

Situated in New York's Manhattan area, Fifth Avenue is the most expensive shopping street in the world. You can find some of New York's most iconic landmarks there, including the Empire State Building and the New York Public Library, but ¹ _____-loving shoppers are more likely to come here for the ² _____ labels on sale in the luxury department stores. It's also a great place to spot the rich and famous, as ³ _____ stars and television ⁴ _____ often shop here, attracted by the luxury ⁵ _____ and exclusive boutiques. Technology fans also come here for the world-famous Apple Store, which sells a large number of devices which allow you to play, watch, read or listen to your favourite ⁶ _____ media.

Extension

- 8 Work in groups. Make a plan for a new shopping and entertainment centre in your city. Draw a plan of the centre. Talk about and choose the following:

- where the shopping centre should be located in the city
- what shops you'd like and where they will be located
- what entertainment facilities there will be
- what other facilities there will be

- 9 Present your shopping centre to the class. Use the key phrases for making and justifying a choice and rejecting the other options

Making a choice

We're going for ...

If I had to choose between ... and ... , I'd go for ...

Justifying a choice

The reason for our choice is ...

We think ... would (attract lots of people).

Rejecting the other options

We don't think ... would be as (attractive to customers) as ...

DVD clip summary

The DVD clip is about Los Angeles, and how the city has developed and grown since the Hollywood movie studios made it famous.

Background

Los Angeles is the second largest city in the USA. It is famous for the Hollywood movie studios and its warm, sunny climate. It was founded by Spanish settlers in the 18th century and became a part of Mexico in 1821, before being purchased by the USA in 1848. It is very multicultural and is home to people from more than 120 countries.

Before you watch

Exercise 1

- Read the questions with the class and elicit answers from individual students. Encourage the students to expand on their answers and use their suggestions to start a class discussion.
- **Answers:** Students' own answers

Comprehension check

Exercise 2

- **Pre-watching:** Go through the questions with the students.
-  Play the whole DVD clip. The students choose the correct answers. Check their answers.
- **Answers:** 1 b 2 c 3 b

Exercise 3

- **Pre-watching:** Ask the students to read the list and to try and remember which things they saw in the DVD clip.
-  Play the DVD clip to check the answers.
- **Answers:** b, c, f, g, i, j

Exercise 4

- **Pre-watching:** Ask the students to try and match the places with the descriptions before they watch the DVD clip again.
- **Weaker classes:** Play the DVD clip first and pause after each answer.
-  Play the DVD clip to check the answers.
- **Answers:** 1 c 2 e 3 f 4 a 5 b 6 d

Round up

Exercise 5

- Put the students in groups. Give them a few minutes to discuss the question.
- **Answers:** Students' own answers

Vocabulary

Exercise 6

- Ask the students to make compound nouns and adjectives with the words. The students then read through the sentences and decide if they need a compound noun or adjective for each gap before completing it.
- **Weaker classes:** Form the compound nouns and adjectives together before the students complete the sentences.
- **Answers:** 1 main road 2 tennis courts 3 mountain range 4 full-sized 5 high-speed 6 open-air

Exercise 7

- Ask the students to read through the text first, then complete the sentences. With a **weaker class**, you could elicit the meanings of the words first.
- **Answers:** 1 fashion 2 designer 3 movie 4 personalities 5 brands 6 digital

Extension

Exercises 8 and 9

- **Materials needed:** Large pieces of paper, pens
- **Preparation:** Put the students in groups of three. Tell them that they are going to plan a new shopping centre for their city.
- **Language:** Elicit the word *choice*. Then focus on the key phrases.
- **Activity:** Ask the students to nominate one presenter, one designer and one note-taker in the group. Give them 8–10 minutes to talk about, design and draw their plan. Finally, give them another 5 minutes to prepare their presentation, making sure they include all the information in the task. Then ask them to present their shopping centres to the class.
- **Extension:** After all the groups have presented, ask the students to discuss what they like about each one and which they think would be the best for their city. For homework, you could ask them to write a description of the shopping centre for a blog or website.

Los Angeles

When people hear the word 'Hollywood', they usually think about one thing: the movies. But this hasn't always been the case. Originally, Hollywood was a small settlement in California, but in the early 20th century, many major movie studios moved here from New York. It was cheaper to make movies here and the good weather made it a lot easier to film outside.

At around the same time Hollywood merged with the neighbouring city of Los Angeles. Soon, Hollywood was the movie capital of the world and thousands of people were moving to LA to seek fame and fortune. They've been coming here ever since!

Los Angeles is in the US state of California and is situated between San Diego in the south and San Francisco in the north. Today, the major studios don't make as many movies here as they used to because it's too expensive, but LA is still a major centre of arts and entertainment. The city has a population of almost 4 million people, and experts estimate that one in six of these people works in a 'creative' industry such as film, television, or digital media. Many actors, performing artists and television personalities have made Los Angeles their home, and the most successful live here – in Beverly Hills.

Beverly Hills is a suburb in the north of the city, just ten minutes from the seashore in Santa Monica. Since the 1920s, the neighbourhood has been home to the rich and famous. Celebrities have been moving in since the movie stars Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford built a mansion here in 1921.

Today, the area is full of fabulous houses with open-air swimming pools and full-sized tennis courts. It's a very wealthy area and everywhere you look there are high-speed cars and expensive shops. In the heart of Beverly Hills is Rodeo Drive. It's one of the most famous shopping streets on the planet, and one of the most expensive too. Many of the world's best known luxury brands have shops here, and the street has become a popular destination for fashion-loving shoppers.

For many people, this is the stereotype of Los Angeles, but there's much more to the city than expensive shops and designer labels. This is West Magnolia Boulevard, one of the main roads in Burbank, a suburb twelve miles north of downtown LA. Because it's close to Hollywood, many major entertainment companies have their headquarters here, but it's much more affordable so lots of people live here too. It's a fun and exciting area with great shops and plenty of interesting things to do and see.

This is Woodland Hills. It's west of Burbank, near the Santa Monica mountain range. It's a very pretty area, and because it's a bit further from the city, there's a lot more space. A lot of families live here and it has some great parks and recreation areas. Woodland Hills has a strong community spirit and people often get together to eat, relax and enjoy the good weather.

Los Angeles is famous for Hollywood and the movies, and there are plenty of parts of the city that live up to this glamorous reputation. But while many of us think of Tinseltown when we think of LA, the city has a lot more to offer.