LISTENING

A. Quiz. What do you know about Istanbul? Read and circle the correct answers. Then listen to the beginning of a walking tour of Istanbul and check.

- Istanbul is a city in [Turkey] [Greece], and is in both Europe and [Asia] [Africa]. It has been a city for [only 400] [more than 2,000] years, and is [quite small] [one of the largest cities in the world].

B. Listen for gist. Now listen to the rest of the walking tour. Number the photos 1 to 4 in the order the tour group visits them.

C. Listen for details. Listen and circle the words you hear.

1. This area is [lively] [quiet], with lots of [trendy] [expensive] stores.
2. This is an [ancient] [modern] tradition. They move [while] [music plays] in silence.
3. This area has many popular [hotels] [restaurants and cafes].
4. This place started in [1363] [1663]. It is usually [empty] [crowded] by the afternoon.

D. Discuss with a partner. Which of the four places on the tour would you most like to see?
B. Practice with a partner. Use the words on the right.

C. Talk with a partner. Use the language above to talk about cities you know.

The Hongdae district in Seoul has lots of trendy clubs and stores. One of my favorite places is...
Bogotá, Colombia, is a city of seven million people. Fifteen years ago, there wasn't enough public transportation. There was too much traffic, and air pollution was a problem. Then in 1998, the city made some big changes.

First, the government increased the tax on gas and used the money to create a new bus system. Today, almost 500,000 people use these buses every day. To reduce traffic, Bogotá also put more bike lanes around the city. Now, almost 350,000 people commute to school or work on their bicycles. On Sundays and holidays, the city's main streets are also closed to cars. Two million people visit Bogotá's car-free streets every Sunday to walk, bike, shop, and relax.

B. Scanning for numbers. What do the numbers below refer to? Match them.

1. 350,000
2. 500,000
3. 2 million

a. people who use the bus every day
b. people who use the car-free streets every Sunday
c. people who commute by bicycle

C. Discuss with a partner. Which form of transportation do you use most often: a car, public transportation, or a bicycle? Does your city have a car-free area? If so, where? Is it popular?
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A. Listen for details. Which cities are being talked about? Number them 1 to 3.

City | Problem | Solution
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3 | London | too much traffic | electric buses
1 | Singapore | too much pollution | a new park
2 | Mexico City | not enough green space | a fee to enter the area

B. Listen for the main idea. Match each city to its problem and a solution.

DISCUSSION
Talking about problems. What are some problems in your city or neighborhood? Talk about them with a partner. Use the language below.

There are too many cars, and there’s too much street noise. Yeah. And there aren’t enough parks, and there isn’t enough green space.

EXTEND
In Pair Work, write a short paragraph about the city in your country. Include the main problem and its solution.
**Before You Watch**

**About the video.** Daniel Raven-Ellison is an adventurer, author, filmmaker, and teacher. He wants to explore places in new ways, and he wants other people to do the same. In this video, his Urban Earth project takes him across three of the world's largest cities: London, Mexico City, and Mumbai, where he takes pictures that try to show the cities as they really are.

A. **Which city do you think has the most people?** Put the cities in order from the most people (1) to the least (3). *Guesses will vary. Actual answers are:*

   1. Mumbai, India
   2. Mexico City, Mexico
   3. London, England

B. **Think about your city.** Picture your neighborhood or city in your mind. What are some things you see every day? Write four things. For example: *a bus stop or people exercising in the park.* *Answers will vary. Possible answers include:*

   1. mail carrier
   2. students walking to school
   3. a police station
   4. people walking dogs

**While You Watch**

What does Daniel Raven-Ellison do in *Urban Earth?* Check (√) your answers.

- [ ] plays sports
- [ ] explores
- [ ] walks
- [ ] buys things
- [ ] has an adventure
- [ ] takes photos
- [ ] makes a film
- [ ] watches TV

**After You Watch**

A. **What do you remember?**

   1. Daniel films his experiences.
   2. Daniel thinks his experiences are amazing.
   3. Daniel wants people to see the cities in a new way.
   4. Daniel thinks the cities are beautiful.
   5. Daniel thinks the cities are interesting.

B. **Discuss these questions.**

   1. Look at your list of things you see every day. What was different?
   2. Which areas of the city do you usually go to?
   3. Which places do you like?

   What can you add to your list?
AFTER YOU WATCH

A. What do you remember? Are the statements below true or false?

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<td>1.</td>
<td>Daniel films his movies while driving across the cities.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Daniel thinks the bigger cities grow, the more we know about them.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Daniel wants people to help each other make their cities better.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Daniel thinks that watching TV can be an adventure.</td>
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B. Discuss these questions in small groups.

1. Look at your list from Before You Watch B. Did you see the same things in the video? What was different?
2. Which areas in your city do you think you know very well? Are there some areas you don’t usually go to? Why?
3. Which place in your city do you escape to? How is it different from other areas in the city? What can you do there?

I escape to the old city walls in Seoul. Other areas in Seoul are crowded, and there is traffic. But there, it’s quiet. I can walk or sit and read.

Answers will vary. Encourage students to offer examples to support their ideas and opinions.