


READING ■ A description of a modern city

I can understand an article about a city.

- 1  1.24 Look at the photos and choose six words that you can use to describe the building. Then read, listen and check your answers.

lift museum stairs lake desert skyscraper mountains modern



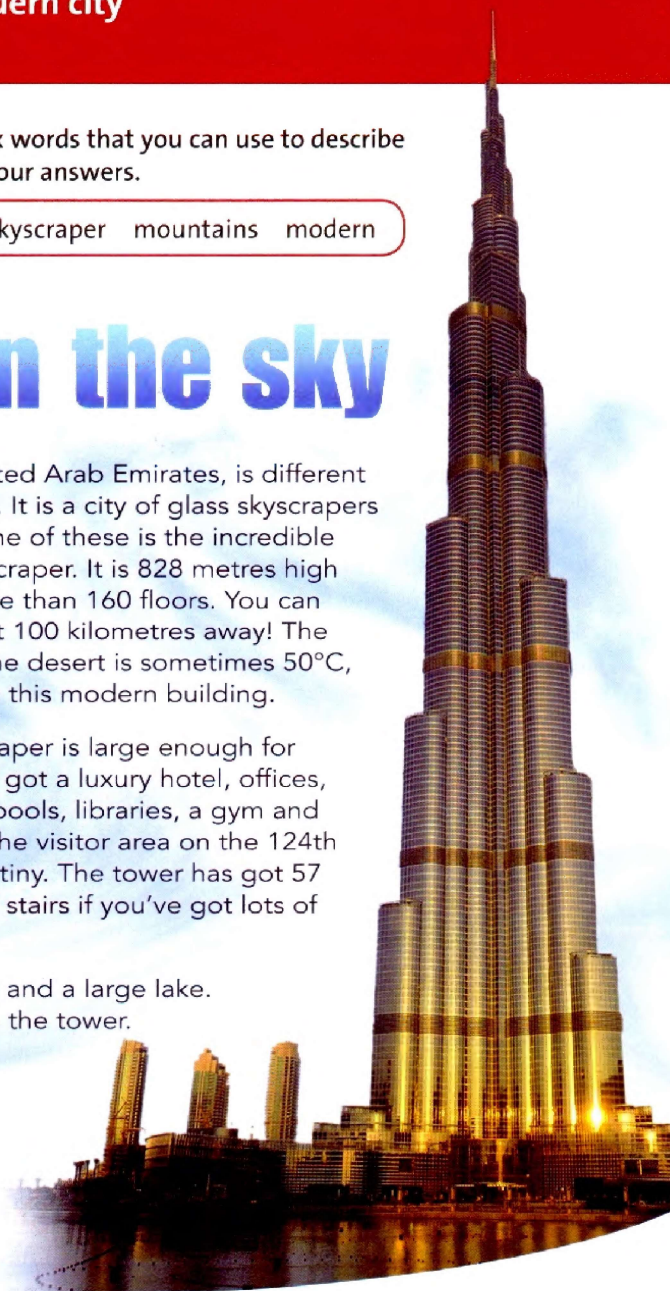
City in the sky

Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, is different from other cities. It is a city of glass skyscrapers in the desert. One of these is the incredible Burj Khalifa skyscraper. It is 828 metres high and has got more than 160 floors. You can see it from about 100 kilometres away! The temperature in the desert is sometimes 50°C, but it's cool inside this modern building.

This amazing skyscraper is large enough for 25,000 people. It has got a luxury hotel, offices, restaurants, swimming pools, libraries, a gym and 900 expensive flats. From the visitor area on the 124th floor, the cars in the streets below are tiny. The tower has got 57 very fast lifts, but there are also lots of stairs if you've got lots of energy!

In the Burj Khalifa area there are parks and a large lake. There is a big shopping centre next to the tower.

This enormous building has got over 1,200 luxury shops. The city of Dubai is a fantastic place, but only if you are very rich and you like shopping.



- 2 **EGZAMIN** Read the text again and write *true* or *false*. Correct the false sentences.

- 1 The Burj Khalifa skyscraper is 100 km away from Dubai.
- 2 The skyscraper is a very old building.
- 3 There are 800 flats in the skyscraper.
- 4 There is a place for visitors on floor 124.
- 5 The lifts in the tower are quite slow.

- 4 **BUILD YOUR VOCABULARY** What do these adjectives describe? Find them in the text and check.

amazing luxury enormous incredible
fantastic tiny fast

- 5 **ABOUT YOU** Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Is the Burj Khalifa a good place to live?
- 2 Why is the Burj Khalifa only good for rich people?
- 3 Are there any interesting buildings in your town?
- 4 Is there a shopping centre in your town?
- 5 How many parks are there?
- 6 What are your favourite places?

STUDY STRATEGY ■ Finding spelling rules

- 3 Find the plural forms of these words in the text. When do we form a plural with *-ies*?

office city flat park shop library