

UNIT 2 Places

READING COMPREHENSION pages
30–31

READING 1**Venice: A Changing City**

PRE-READING page 26

Preparing for the Reading Topic

Answers will vary.

Key Vocabulary

1. b
2. f
3. h
4. e
5. a
6. g
7. c
8. d

VOCABULARY pages 28–29

Vocabulary in Context**A.**

1. elderly
2. unique
3. bridges
4. romantic
5. rent
6. residents
7. alarm
8. boots

B. *Answers will vary.*

Vocabulary Building

1. have fun
2. have a problem
3. have a meal

B. *Answers will vary.*

Looking for Main Ideas

1. a
2. c
3. c

Looking for Details

1. Venice is in the **north** of Italy.
2. People use **boats** to travel and bring things into Venice.
3. When there is a high tide, people walk on special **platforms**.
4. Today, Venice has **half** as many people as it had 30 years ago.
5. The old shops in Venice are changing to **souvenir** shops.
6. Residents are moving out of Venice because the houses are too **expensive**.

DISCUSSION page 31

Answers will vary.

CRITICAL THINKING page 31

Answers will vary.

WRITING 1

WRITING SKILLS pages 32–33

Exercise 1

1. Venice is a romantic city.
2. There are souvenir shops everywhere.
3. The city has an old problem.
4. The houses are too expensive.
5. Venice is beautiful.

Exercise 2

1. Venice is a beautiful city.
2. Venice is in the north of Italy.
3. Venice is a group of 118 small islands.
4. Venice has a problem with high tide.

Exercise 3

Answers will vary.

Exercise 4

Venice is in the north of Italy. It is a **unique** city. Here you **don't** see roads with cars, but you see canals with boats. Everything in the city is expensive because everything comes by boat. Tourists **love** Venice. **Over 20 million** tourists come to visit Venice every year!

WRITING PRACTICE pages 33–34

Answers vary throughout this section.

READING 2**Life Is Good in Iceland****PRE-READING** page 35**Preparing for the Reading Topic**

Answers will vary.

Key Vocabulary

1. c
2. a
3. h
4. g
5. b
6. e
7. f
8. d

VOCABULARY pages 37–38**Vocabulary in Context****A.**

1. island
2. a quarter of
3. similar to
4. heat
5. crime

6. high quality of life
7. capital
8. temperature

B. *Answers will vary.*

Vocabulary Building

1. air quality
2. quality of service
3. quality of life
4. quality of work

READING COMPREHENSION pages 38–39**Looking for Main Ideas**

Possible answers:

1. Iceland is an island in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is between Greenland and Norway, but it is part of Europe.
2. Icelanders are the hardest workers in Europe.
3. Icelanders have a great system for health and education. Health care and education are free. All children must go to school from age 6 to age 16.

Looking for Details

1. F
2. F
3. T
4. F
5. T
6. T

DISCUSSION page 39

Answers will vary.

CRITICAL THINKING page 39

Answers will vary.

WRITING 2

WRITING SKILLS pages 40–43**Exercise 1**

1. 3; more beautiful than
2. 1; wetter than
3. 1; drier than
4. 3; more expensive than
5. 1; older than
6. 3; more dangerous than
7. 1; higher than
8. 1; larger than

Exercise 2

1. Iceland is bigger than Switzerland.
2. Iceland is smaller than Greenland.
3. The Pacific Ocean is larger than the Atlantic Ocean.
4. The Burj Tower in Dubai is taller than the Empire State Building in New York City.
5. The Nile River is longer than the Mississippi River.
6. Mexico is drier than Canada.
7. The Taj Mahal is more beautiful than the Empire State Building.
8. Reykjavik is more expensive than Paris.

Exercise 3

1. Iceland has the smallest population for its size in Europe.
2. Alaska is the largest state in the United States.
3. Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.
4. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
5. The Nile is the longest river in the world.
6. Death Valley in California is the hottest place in the United States.
7. Tokyo is one of the most expensive cities in the world.
8. Acapulco is the most popular city in Mexico for tourists.

Exercise 4

Answers will vary.

Exercise 5

Inga Stefansson is from Iceland. Iceland is a country in Europe. She speaks Icelandic. This language is similar to German. Life in Iceland is the **most expensive** in Europe. But people are healthy, and they live the **longest** lives.

WRITING PRACTICE pages 43–44

Answers vary throughout this section.

WEAVING IT TOGETHER**TIMED WRITING** page 45

Answers will vary.

SEARCH THE INTERNET page 45

A. Suggested keywords:

- fascinating cities
- unusual cities
- must-see cities
- dangerous cities

B. *Answers will vary.*

WHAT DO YOU THINK NOW? page 45

1. more
2. more
3. read
4. work