

PRISM

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

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SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

UNIT	WATCH AND LISTEN	LISTENINGS	LISTENING SKILLS	PRONUNCIATION FOR LISTENING	
1 PLACES Academic Disciplines Sociology / Urban Planning	The Grand Canal	1: A podcast about homes around the world 2: A profile on Stanley Park in Vancouver	Key Skills Predicting content using visuals Distinguishing fact from opinion Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Predicting content using visuals Listening for main ideas Listening for details Taking notes Synthesizing	Vowel sounds /eI/, /p/, /I/, /Λ/	
2 FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS Academic Disciplines Anthropology / Cultural Studies / Sociology	Harbin's Ice Festival	1: Interviews about three cultural festivals 2: A discussion about Thanksgiving in the U.S. and Canada	Key Skills Taking notes Listening for main ideas Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Predicting content using visuals Listening for details Recognizing examples Synthesizing	Word stress	
3 THE INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGY Academic Disciplines Computer science / Engineering	Fiber Optic Cables	1: A student radio program about developments in robotics 2: A news report about how computers affect memory	Key Skill Listening for reasons Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Predicting content using visuals Listening for main ideas Listening for details Taking notes Synthesizing	Consonant sounds /s/, /ʃ/, /ʧ/ Strong /æ/ and weak /ə/	
4 WEATHER AND CLIMATE Academic Disciplines Ecology / Environmental Studies / Psychology	The Impact of Oceans on Climate	1: A student discussion on how weather affects people's moods 2: A news report on global warming and its effects on rainforests	Key Skill Predicting ideas from research Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Predicting content using visuals Listening for main ideas Listening for details Taking notes Synthesizing	Rising and falling intonation Vowel sounds /a/ and /oʊ/	

LANGUAGE	CRITICAL THINKING	SPEAKING	ON CAMPUS
DEVELOPMENT Review of the simple past Descriptive adjectives	Planning a presentation Evaluating opinions	Speaking Skills Signposting an opinion Organizing information for a presentation Pronunciation Connecting speech Speaking Task Give a presentation about an interesting place.	Life Skill Campus resources
Gerunds and infinitives Collocations with <i>go to</i> , <i>take</i> , and <i>have</i>	Organizing ideas Analyzing and evaluating options	Speaking Skills Making suggestions Agreeing and disagreeing Speaking Task Choose a group of events from a festival and persuade your group to go to them.	Communication Skill Starting and continuing a conversation
Can / be able to Vocabulary for technology	Evaluating and categorizing advantages and disadvantages	Speaking Skill Giving additional and contrasting information Speaking Task Present a report about a device or technology.	Study Skill Technology for learning
Verb collocations Future forms	Evaluating effects	Speaking Skill Linking words to explain cause and effect Speaking Task Give a presentation about changes in the climate.	Life Skill Managing your time

UNIT	WATCH AND LISTEN	LISTENINGS	LISTENING SKILLS	PRONUNCIATION FOR LISTENING	
5 SPORTS AND COMPETITION Academic Disciplines Sports Management / Sports Science	Kasparov versus Deep Blue	1: A student presentation on unusual sports 2: A discussion about money in sports	Key Skill Listening for bias Supporting opinions Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Listening for main ideas Listening for details Listening for opinion Taking notes Synthesizing	Making corrections	
6 BUSINESS Academic Disciplines Business / Marketing	Food at Coffee Shops	1: A conversation between a business student and a professor about a project 2: A conversation between a business owner and a consultant	Key Skill Listening for numbers Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Listening for details Listening for reaction Making inferences Taking notes Synthesizing	Pronouncing numbers	
7 PEOPLE Academic Disciplines Psychology / Sociology	Trash Artists	1: A student presentation on creative people 2: A student conversation about a project	Key Skill Listening for attitude Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Using your knowledge Listening for main ideas Listening for details Taking notes Synthesizing	Intonation for emotion and interest	
8 THE UNIVERSE Academic Disciplines Astronomy / Engineering	Empire of the Sun	1: A radio program about space travel 2: A discussion on funding for space exploration	Key Skill Understanding meaning from context Additional Skills Understanding key vocabulary Predicting content using visuals Listening for details Listening to an introduction Taking notes Synthesizing	Words with easily confused sounds	

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT	CRITICAL THINKING	SPEAKING	ON CAMPUS
Factual and future real conditionals Adverbs of degree	Analyzing reasons and supporting evidence Using a persuasion map	Speaking Skills Presenting a point Asking for and giving clarification Speaking Task Have a discussion about money in sports. Discuss reasons for and against athletes being paid extremely large amounts of money.	Communication Skill Asking for information
Comparatives and superlatives Phrasal verbs	Using problem and solution charts Analyzing and evaluating problems and possible solutions	Speaking Skill Giving advice Speaking Task Give advice to a failing business.	Communication Skill Working in groups
Adjective endings -ed and -ing The past progressive: • Forming the past progressive • The past progressive and the simple past	Using an idea map Analyzing qualities	Speaking Skills Time order Examples and details Speaking Task Give a presentation about a remarkable person and his or her work.	Presentation Skill Giving presentations
Vocabulary for problems and solutions Future unreal conditionals	Analyzing a problem Evaluating possible solutions to a problem Using a problem and solution chart	Speaking Skills Turn-taking Showing levels of agreement Speaking Task Discuss how to get children interested in space exploration.	Study Skill Reviewing for exams

HOW PRISM WORKS

1 Video

Setting the context

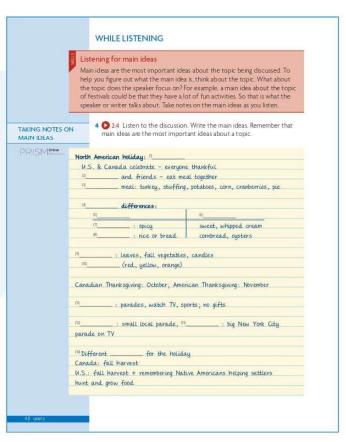
Every unit begins with a video clip. Each video serves as a springboard for the unit and introduces the topic in an engaging way. The clips were carefully selected to pique students' interest and prepare them to explore the unit's topic in greater depth. As they work, students develop key skills in prediction, comprehension, and discussion.

2 Listening

Receptive, language, and analytical skills

Students improve their listening abilities through a sequence of proven activities. They study key vocabulary to prepare them for each listening and to develop academic listening skills. Pronunciation for Listening exercises help students learn how to decode spoken English. Language Development sections teach grammar and vocabulary. A second listening leads into synthesis exercises that prepare students for college classrooms.





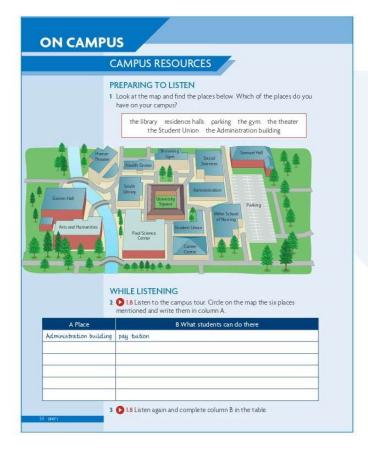
HOW PRISM WORKS

PREPARATION FOR SPEAKING PRESENTING POINTS AND CLARIFYING STATEMENTS Presenting a point When you discuss a topic with others, you can use signal words to help you make that point strongly. Of course, obviously, actually, and definitely all signal to the listener that what comes next is going to be a point that you wish to emphasize PRISMS 1 0 5.5 Listen to the sentences from Listening 2. Use the words from the actually definitely obviously of course 1 I think there is _____ more marketing and business in sports than ____, only about 5 percent of Olympic athletes get money from big companies to be in ads. poorer countries can't usually pay the costs for training athletes. 4 And ______, the athletes really well. ____, the countries with lots of money can train their 2. Write sentences to give reasons and support either for or against the points you made in Exercises 4 and 5 in Critical Thinking. Use a word from the box above to emphasize your point in each sentence. Sports fans actually like to see ads with athletes in them. 3 Work with a partner who chose the same point of view as you in Exercise 2. Share your sentences. Discuss your argument, reasons, and support. Do you have similar ideas?

3 Speaking

Critical thinking and production

Multiple critical thinking activities begin this section, setting students up for exercises that focus on speaking skills, functional language, and pronunciation. All of these lead up to a structured speaking task, in which students apply the skills and language they have developed over the course of the entire unit.

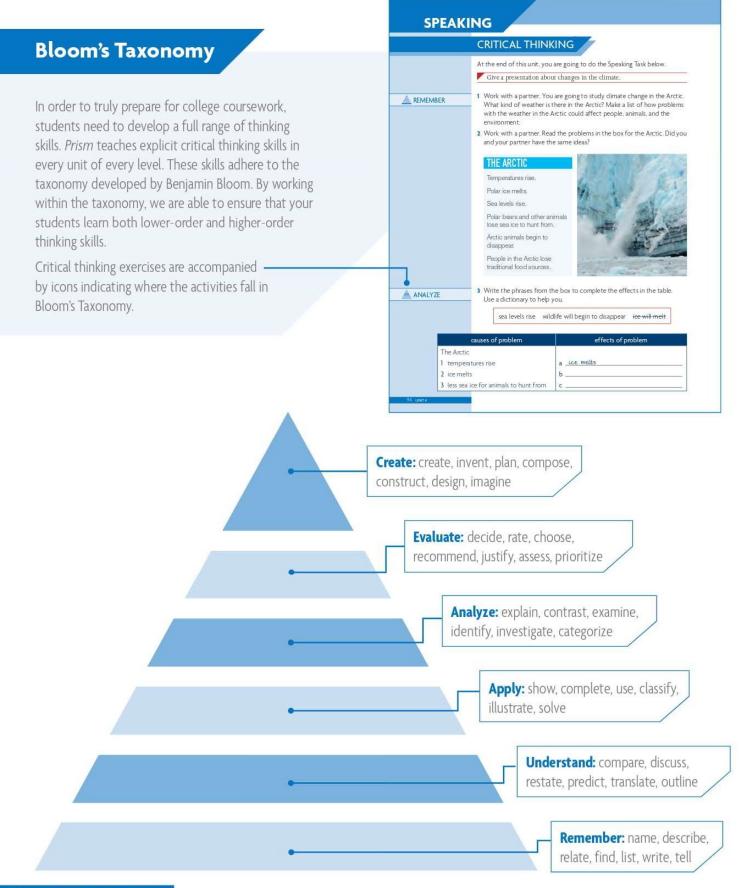


4 On Campus

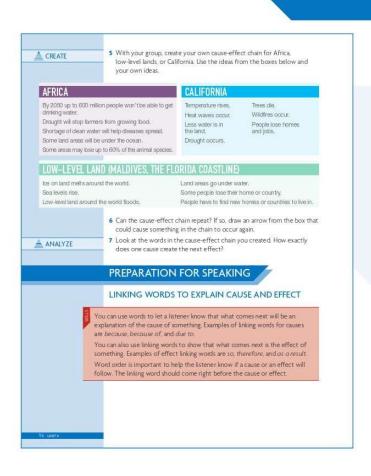
Skills for college life

This unique section teaches students valuable skills beyond academic listening and speaking. From asking questions in class to participating in a study group and from being an active listener to finding help, students learn how to navigate university life. The section begins with a context-setting listening, and moves directly into active practice of the skill.

WHAT MAKES PRISM SPECIAL: **CRITICAL THINKING**

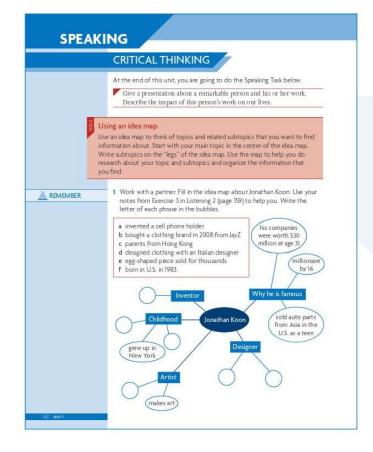


WHAT MAKES PRISM SPECIAL: CRITICAL THINKING



Higher-Order Thinking Skills

Create, **Evaluate**, and **Analyze** are critical skills for students in any college setting. Academic success depends on their abilities to derive knowledge from collected data, make educated judgments, and deliver insightful presentations. *Prism* helps students get there by creating activities such as categorizing information, comparing data, selecting the best solution to a problem, and developing arguments for a discussion or presentation.



Lower-Order Thinking Skills

Apply, **Understand**, and **Remember** provide the foundation upon which all thinking occurs. Students need to be able to recall information, comprehend it, and see its use in new contexts. *Prism* develops these skills through exercises such as taking notes, mining notes for specific data, demonstrating comprehension, and distilling information from charts.



WHAT MAKES PRISM SPECIAL: **RESEARCH**

COLLOCATIONS A collocation is a combination of two or more words that are often used together go to college, go to a talk, go to class PRISMONIA 4 Label each circle with the correct words from the box to make verb + noun collocations. Some words can be used more than once go to have 5 Write the correct form of go to, have, or take 1 Excuse me, can you __ _ a photo of my sister and me? 3 I'm going on vacation next week. Will you_ _care of a good time on your vacation! 5 I'm sorry that I can't go to your party tonight. But I hope you 6 Write the correct form of the words from Exercise 4. In some items, more than one answer is possible. 1 What do you think makes a good festival? Should everyone go to every __ to enjoy a festival when you go, or do you hurry to see things? 3 In your country do people often go to ____ 4 If it's your birthday, do you have a ____ 7 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions

Vocabulary Research

Learning the right words

Students need to learn a wide range of general and academic vocabulary in order to be successful in college. Prism carefully selects the vocabulary that students study based on the General Service List, the Academic Word List, and the Cambridge English Corpus.

LISTENING

LISTENING 1

PRONUNCIATION FOR LISTENING

Rising and falling intonation

Intonation describes how the tone of your voice goes up (rises) and goes down [falls]. Intonation can help you understand someone's mood (e.g., happy, interested, excited, bored, sad, upset, etc.). Rising intonation can show interest or happiness. Falling intonation of happiness. Falling intonation can also show certainty.



really = The speaker is interested.



The meaning of a sentence can change depending on the intonation. Read the sentence aloud with a rising intonation and then a falling intonation. How does the meaning change?

- PRISMonths 1 04.1 Listen to the dialogues. Write I (Interested) or B (bored) for
 - 1 A: Did you know global warming is still increasing?
 - 2 A: It's my hirthday today
 - B: Really? Happy birthday!
 - 3 A: The weather got really chilly, didn't it? B: I suppose so. _____

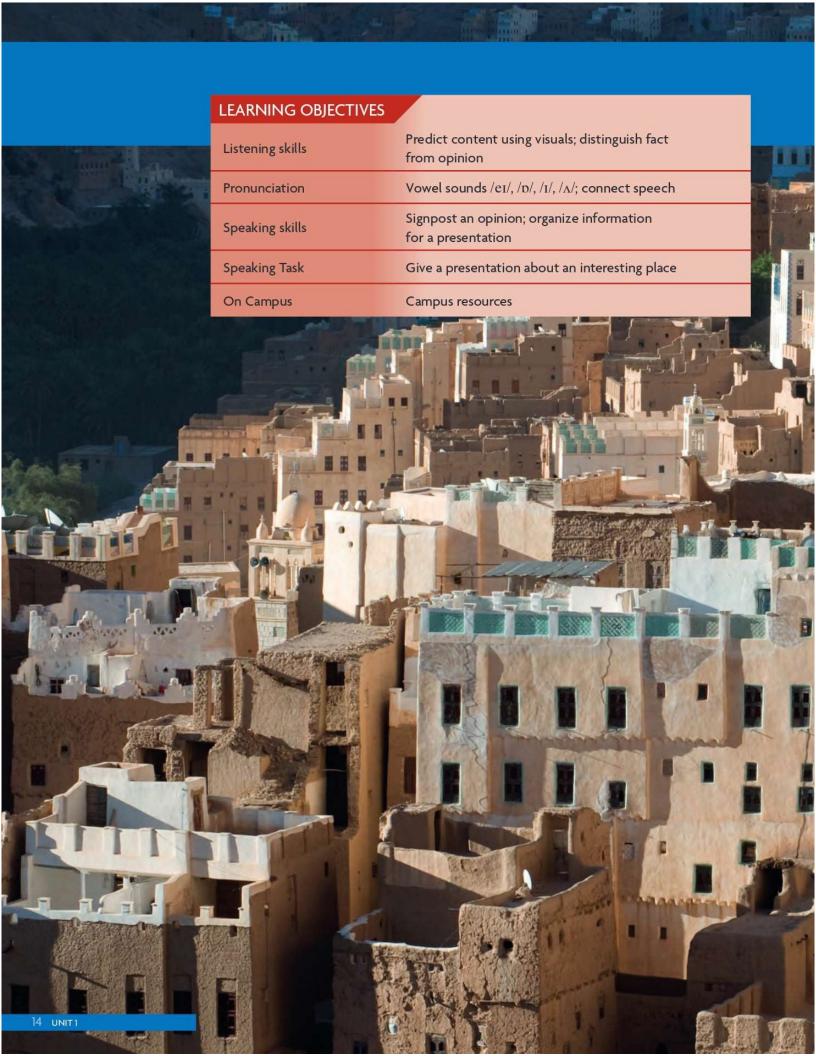
 - 4 A: Thanks for inviting me to your party!

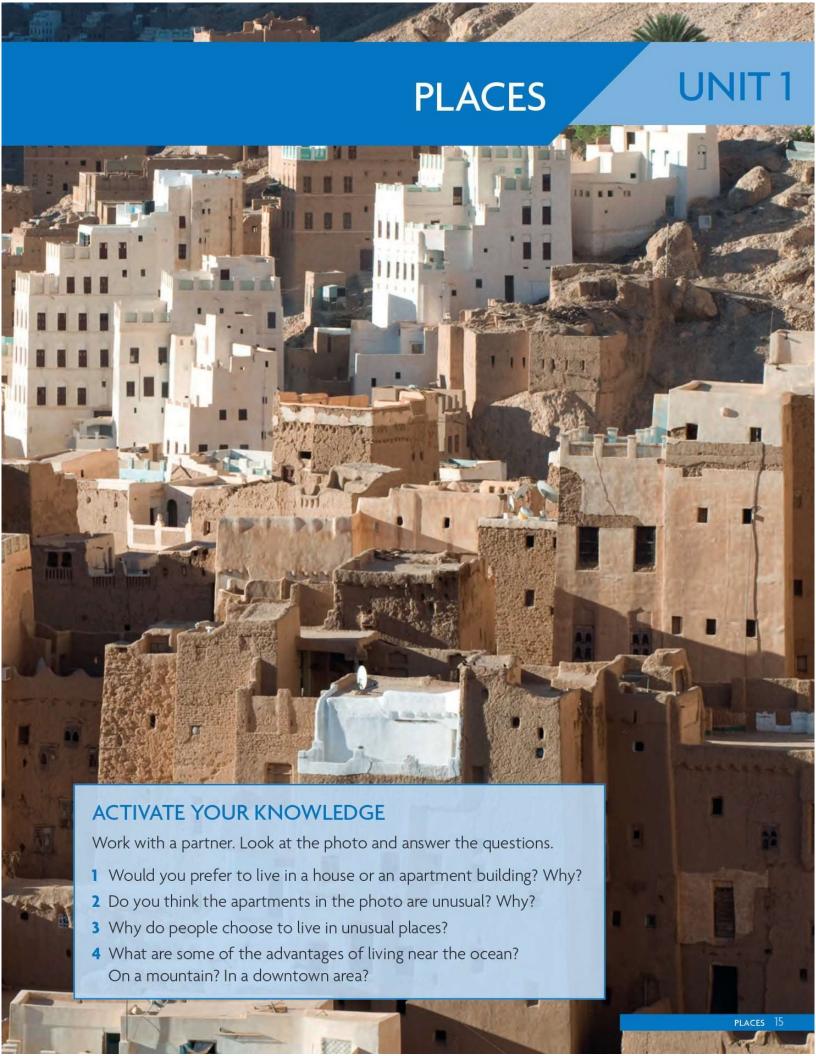
 - 5 A: Dinner was great.
 - B: Good. Glad you liked it. __
 - 2 Work with a partner. Read the dialogues aloud. Speaker B should change their intonation. Speaker A should guess whether Speaker B sounds interested or bored.

Pronunciation for Listening

Training your ears

This unique feature teaches learners to listen for specific features of spoken English that typically inhibit comprehension. Learners become primed to better understand detail and nuance while listening.





WATCH AND LISTEN











ACTIVATING YOUR KNOWLEDGE

PREDICTING CONTENT USING VISUALS

PREPARING TO WATCH

- 1 Work with a partner and answer the questions.
 - 1 Where is the city of Venice?
 - 2 What do you know about Venice?
 - 3 Why do tourists like to visit old towns or cities like Venice?
- 2 You are going to watch a video about Venice. Look at the pictures from the video. Work with a partner. Discuss how this city looks different from other cities.

GLOSSARY

canal (n) a river made by people

gondola (n) a narrow boat with a raised point at both ends, used on canals in Venice **man-made** (adj) not natural, but made by people

palace (n) a large, important house or building, often where a king or queen lives stilts (n) long pieces of wood or metal that a building stands on so that it is above the ground or water

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

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- 3 Watch the video. Write T (true) or F (false) next to the statements. Correct the false statements.
 - _____ 1 Venice does not have many beautiful churches.
 - _____ 2 There are a lot of canals and bridges.
 - _____ 3 Most of the islands between the canals are big.
 - _____ 4 Today, Venice is important for art and businesses.
 - _____ 5 People know Venice as a popular tourist center.
 - _____ 6 The Grand Canal is the smallest canal in Venice.
 - ______ **7** The Grand Canal is a man-made river.
 - _____ 8 Another name for Venice is "The City of Boats."

4 Nead the questions. Then watch the video again and answer the questions.

UNDERSTANDING **DETAILS**

- 1 What does Venice have instead of busy roads?
- 2 What don't you see on them?
- 3 What is the name of the special boats in the video?
- 4 What are palaces and other buildings in Venice built on?
- 5 What was the Ca' d'Oro palace decorated with?
- **6** What is the Rialto Bridge made of?
- 5 Work with a partner. Complete each sentence with a number from the box.

one two 15 117 300 400

- ₋ islands between the canals, and $_$ 1 There are bridges in Venice. 2 The Grand Canal is more than _____ miles long. 3 For nearly _ ______ years, you could only cross the Grand Canal on
- the Rialto Bridge. 4 The Ca' d'Oro is _____ of Venice's most beautiful palaces.
- 5 The palace was built in the _____th century.
- 6 Work with a partner. The speaker in the video says that a gondola ride is "one of the best 30 minutes you can spend in your life."
 - 1 Why do you think the speaker says this?
 - 2 Do you agree with his opinion? Why or why not?

DISCUSSION

- **7** Work in a small group. Discuss the questions.
 - 1 What do you think it is like to live in Venice?
 - 2 Does your hometown or country have any interesting canals, rivers, or roads?
- 8 Look at the advertisement about gondola boat rides. Answer the questions.
 - 1 Can you take a boat ride on Monday night?
 - 2 Is there a boat ride at 10:00 in the morning?
 - 3 Where does the boat ride begin?
 - 4 How much does it cost?
 - 5 Why do you think the boat rides are from April until October?
 - 6 Why do the boats have life jackets?

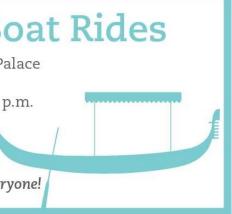
Gondola Boat Rides

Starting at the Ca' d'Oro Palace Every day of the week 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

€20 per person

from April to October

We have life jackets for everyone!



LISTENING

LISTENING 1

UNDERSTANDING KEY VOCABULARY

PREPARING TO LISTEN

- 1 Read the sentences. Write the words in bold next to the definitions.
 - 1 Look at the pictures. Do you **recognize** any of the places? Where are they?
 - 2 Some of these places are very **strange**. They are not like other places.
 - 3 The **capital** of the United States is Washington, D.C. The president lives there.
 - 4 These **ancient** buildings are more than 1,000 years old.
 - 5 Mountains have a lot of **rocks** on them. It is difficult to walk around them. They make it difficult to walk.
 - 6 Kara lives in a small **apartment** in New York City. It's in a big building.
 - 7 We have to drive over the **bridge** to get to the island.
 - 8 Lisa found a large **cave** on the mountain. It was very dark and cold inside.

a	(adj) different from the usual or normal; unusual or
	not expected
Ь	(n) something built over a river or road that lets people,
	cars, or trains go across
C	(n) a hard piece of the material that the Earth is made o
d	(v) to know something because you have seen it before
e	(n) a large hole in the side of a mountain or under
	the ground
f	(adj) from a long time ago; very old
g	(n) a room or set of rooms in a building for someone
	to live in

SKILLS

Predicting content using visuals

where the government is

Before you listen, look quickly at the pictures related to the listening. Think of important or "key" words to describe the pictures. This helps you understand more about the topic when you listen.

h ______ (n) the most important city in a country or state,

- 2 You are going to listen to a podcast about homes around the world. Look at the photos. What do you think you will learn about homes?
- 3 Work with a partner. Look at the photos. Match the words from the box to the photos. In some items, more than one answer is possible.

bridge cave rock strange an-cient

PREDICTING CONTENT **USING VISUALS**

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