

READING AND VOCABULARY

Vancouver – the best city in the world

- 1 Work with a partner. Look at the map and find Vancouver. Is it near the U.S.?
- 2 Look at the pictures. Find these things.
 - mountains
 - a park
 - swimming
 - the sea
 - a bus
 - sailing
 - a beach
 - a train
 - fishing
- 3 Read the text about Vancouver on page 57. Here are five paragraph headings. Write them in the correct place.

Where is it?

Where to stay

When to visit

What to do

How to travel

Where to eat

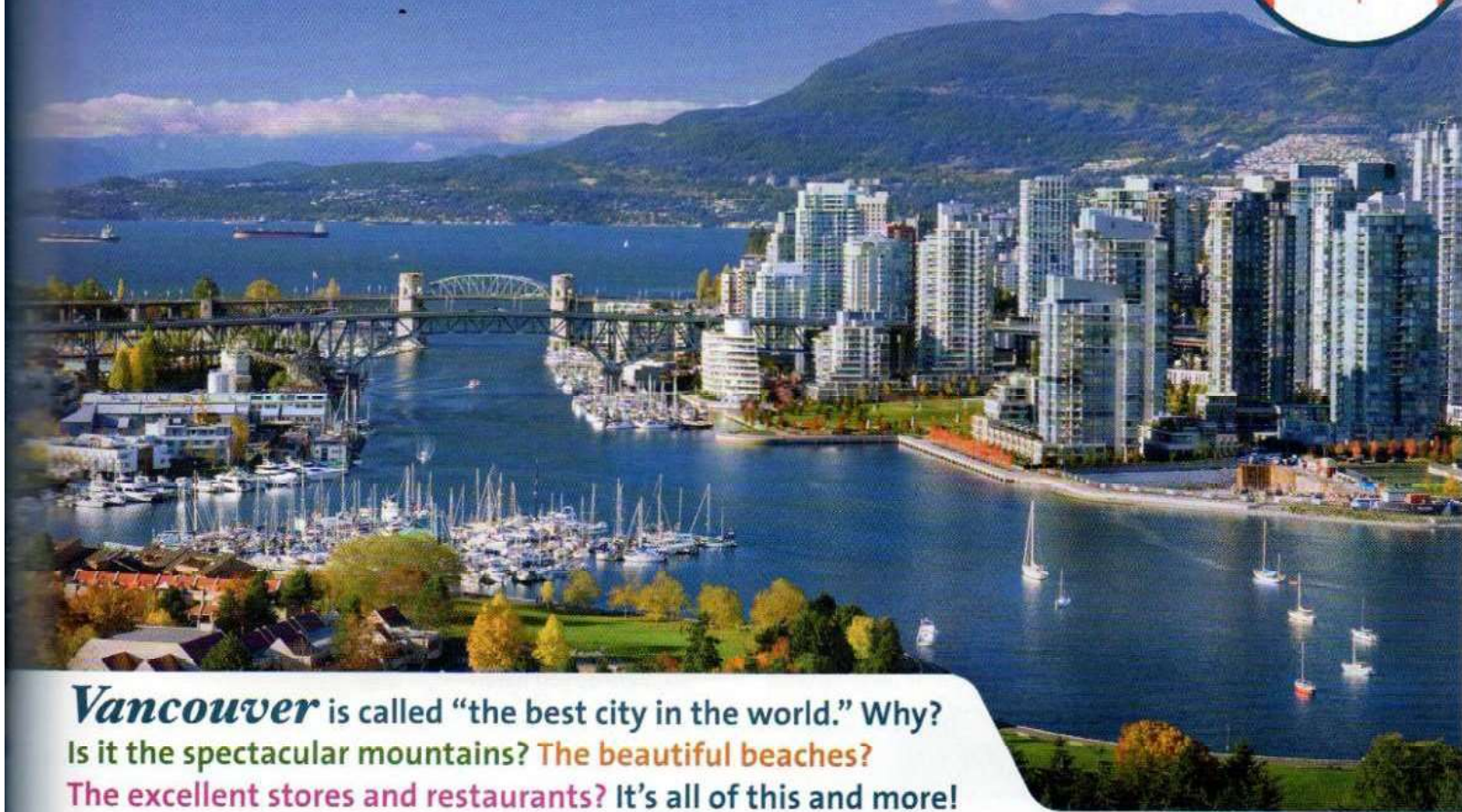
CD2 35 Listen and check.

- 4 Answer the questions.
 1. Where is Vancouver?
 2. When is a good time to visit?
 3. Does it rain a lot? When?
 4. What do people do ... ?
 - in the mountains
 - on the beach
 - in Stanley Park
 5. What water sports are there?
 6. Why are there so many kinds of restaurants?
 7. Are *all* the hotels expensive? How much are they?
 8. What is a good way to see the city?
- 5 Complete the chart with adjectives from the text.

Adjectives	Nouns
<i>busy, cosmopolitan</i>	city
	mountains
	beaches
	stores and restaurants
	the weather
	seafood
	hotels
	buses
	Sky Train



Vancouver, Canada



Vancouver is called “the best city in the world.” Why?
Is it the spectacular mountains? The beautiful beaches?
The excellent stores and restaurants? It’s all of this and more!



Where is it?

VANCOUVER is in southwest Canada, next to the Pacific Ocean, 24 miles from the U.S. border.



It is always a good time to visit Vancouver. The weather is never too cold or too hot. It is warm and sunny in the summer, but it rains a lot in the fall and winter.



In the spring, go skiing in the mountains in the morning and sunbathe on the beach in the afternoon. In the summer, go swimming, sailing, or fishing, or go walking in North America’s biggest park, Stanley Park. There are excellent stores in Yaletown. There is also theater, opera, and music of every sort. Vancouver is the “City of Festivals.”



Vancouver is a cosmopolitan city, so there are French, Italian, Japanese, Indian, Thai, and Chinese restaurants. Vancouver’s Chinatown is the second biggest in North America, after San Francisco. There is also a lot of delicious, fresh seafood.



In the busy city center there are some excellent, expensive hotels. The beautiful Fairmont Hotel is \$400 a night, but next to the sea there are a lot of cheap, comfortable hotels from \$59 a night.



You don’t need a car in Vancouver. There are slow, old buses and there is the fast, modern Sky Train. Take the ferry – it is a great way to see the city.

LISTENING AND WRITING

My hometown

- 1 **CD2 36** Listen to Steve. He lives in Vancouver.
Put a check (✓) next to the things he talks about.



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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> his job | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinatown | <input type="checkbox"/> skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sunbathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Italian food | <input type="checkbox"/> golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> his apartment | <input type="checkbox"/> the theater | <input type="checkbox"/> cycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> his girlfriend | <input type="checkbox"/> the weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanley Park |

- 2 **CD2 36** Listen again. Answer the questions.

- Where does Steve work?
- Where does he live?
- Is his apartment big?
- Where does he go with his wife after work?
- What is his favorite food?
- Does he always like the weather?
- What sports does Steve like?
- Where does he bicycle with his wife?

- 3 **CD2 37** Listen to four conversations with Steve.
Complete the chart.

Where is he?	Who is he with?	What are they talking about?
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Practice the conversations with a partner. Use the audio script on page 113.

- 4 In groups, talk about your hometown or a town you like.
- Where is it?
 - What is there in the town?
 - What do you do there with your friends?
 - Where do you go shopping?
 - How do you travel?
 - Is it a good place to live?

Writing

- 5 Write about a town you know. Use these paragraph headings and ideas.

When to visit

The best time to visit is ... A good time to visit is ...

What to do

Go ... There are a lot of ...

Where to eat

There are good restaurants in ...

My favorite restaurant is ...

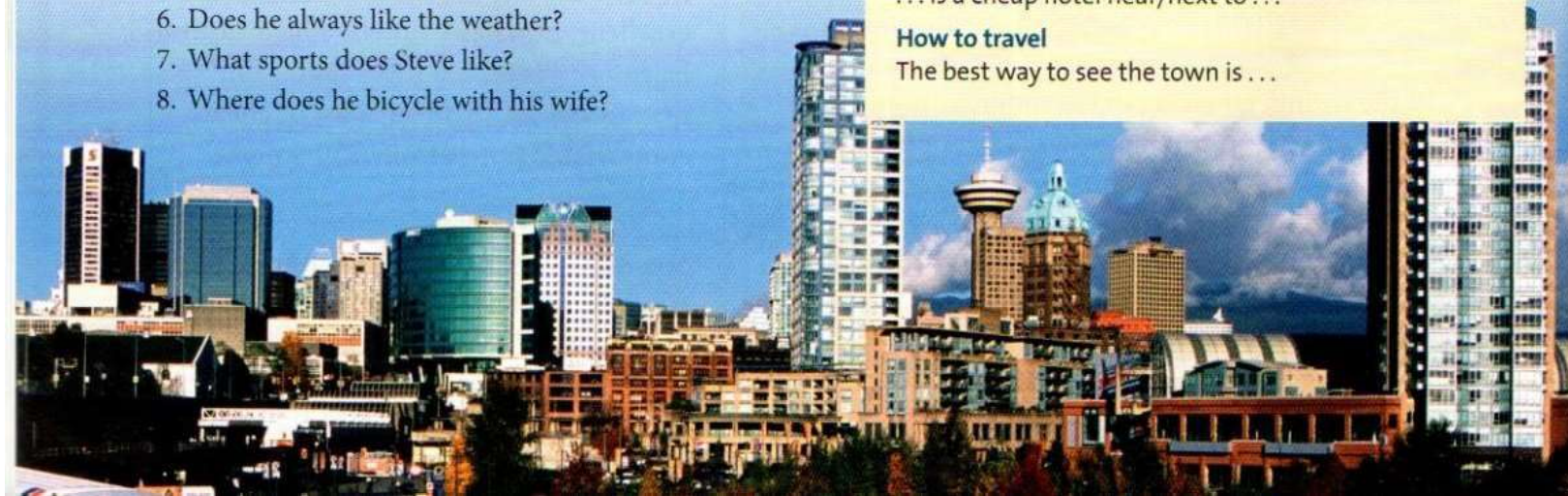
Where to stay

... is an expensive hotel in ...

... is a cheap hotel near/next to ...

How to travel

The best way to see the town is ...

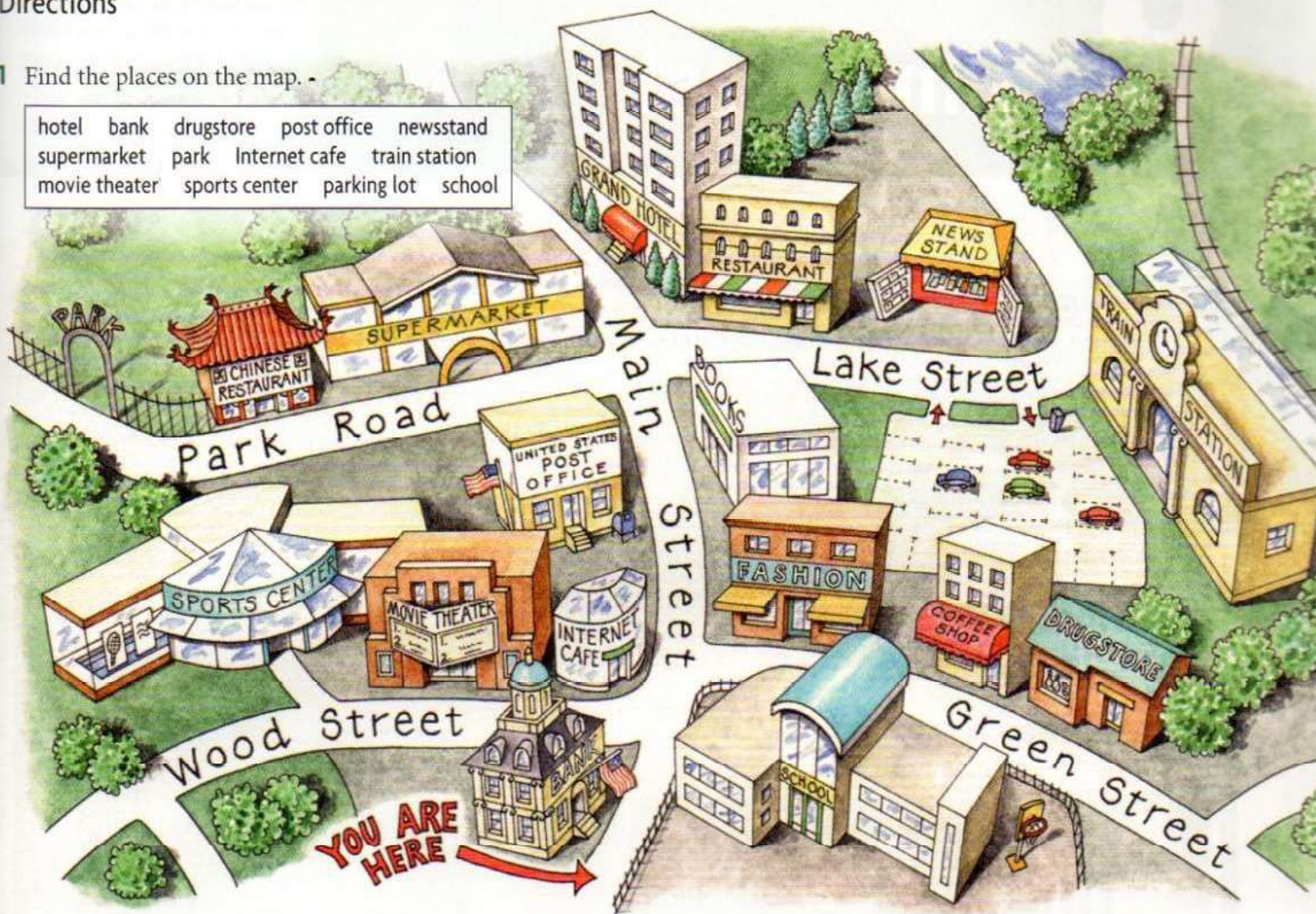


EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Directions

1 Find the places on the map. •

hotel bank drugstore post office newsstand
supermarket park Internet cafe train station
movie theater sports center parking lot school



2 What do the signs mean?

turn right go straight ahead turn left



a.



b.



c.

3 **CD2 38** Listen to the directions. Start from **YOU ARE HERE** on the map. Follow the directions. Where are you?

Go down Main Street. Turn left at the bank onto Wood Street. It's on the right next to the movie theater.

1. At the sports center.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Practice giving directions. Use the audio script on page 113.

4 Work with a partner. Have similar conversations.

Ask about ...

- a movie theater
- a post office
- a newsstand
- a supermarket
- a parking lot
- a coffee shop

Excuse me! Is there a ... near here?

Yes. Go down ...

5 Ask for and give directions to places in your town.

How do I get to the bus station?

Go out of the school, turn right ...

Is it far?

About ten minutes.