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READING • A description of a cruise ship

I can predict the content of a text from photos.

THINK! Where do you think is a good place for a holiday? Why?

on a cruise ship in a city by the sea



City on the Sea

Imagine a five-star hotel with **fantastic** food and **comfortable** rooms. Imagine a square, shops, cinemas and theatres. Imagine all of these things on one very big ship: *Oasis of the Seas*.

More than 2,000 people work on *Oasis of the Seas*, and there are **cabins** for 6,360 **passengers**. That's a lot of people, and they eat a lot of food in the ship's twenty cafés and restaurants. There are 250 **chefs**!

It's the first ship with a park. It's called Central Park and it's got fifty real trees and 12,000 plants. If you like sports, there are also five **swimming pools** and there's an exciting sports area with a **climbing wall**. If you prefer reading, there's a library, but relax - there isn't a school on the ship!



climbing wall



Central Park


1 Look at the photos. What do you think are the answers to questions 1–3? Read and check.

- 1 Is there a school and a library on the ship?
- 2 Are there any swimming pools?
- 3 How many cafés and restaurants are there on the ship?

SKILLS STRATEGY


How to answer specific questions about a text:

- First, identify the key word(s) in the question.
- Next, scan the text for the key word(s).
- Finally, you can find the correct answer in the sentence that has got the key word(s).

2  1.14 Read the Skills Strategy. Then read and listen to the text and answer the questions.

- 1 What's the name of the ship?
- 2 How many people work on the ship?
- 3 How many chefs are there on the ship?
- 4 Is it the only ship with a park?
- 5 What's in the sports area?

3 VOCABULARY PLUS Use a dictionary to check the meanings of the words in **blue** in the text.

4  **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Is the *Oasis of the Seas* a good place for a holiday? Why / Why not?