

# 1 WRITING • A description of a town or city

I can write a description of a town or city.

**THINK!** Check the meanings of the words in the box. Which has your town or city got?

buildings a zoo amusement parks shopping malls factories

## HỒ CHÍ MINH CITY



Hồ Chí Minh City is in the south of Việt Nam. It's got a population of about 9,000,000 in 2019. It's very modern and the people are really friendly. There are many good amusement parks, shopping malls and buildings here. Vũng Tàu, Phan Thiết and Đà Lạt are some quite nice places not far from Hồ Chí Minh City. I sometimes visit these cities for holidays, but Hồ Chí Minh City is more interesting.

- 1 Read the description of Hồ Chí Minh City. Which words in the THINK! exercise are in the text?
- 2 Complete the Key Phrases with words from the text.

### KEY PHRASES

#### Describing a town or city

- 1 It's in the north / ..... / west / east / centre of .....
- 2 It's got a population of about .....
- 3 It's very ..... and the people are .....
- 4 There are ..... and .....
- 5 I ..... but .....

### Language Point: Position of adjectives and Compound sentences

- 3 Look at the phrases in blue in the text. Then underline the correct words.
  - 1 When an adjective and a noun are together, the adjective is **before** / **after** the noun.
  - 2 We use *really*, *very* and *quite* **before** / **after** an adjective.
- 4 Compound sentences.

Look at the underlined sentences in the text. Then circle the correct words.

  - 1 We use *and* to join **similar** / **opposite** independent clauses in a compound sentence.
  - 2 We use *but* to join **similar** / **opposite** independent clauses in a compound sentence.

Now order the words to make sentences.

- 3 old town / 152,160 / Hội An Town / and / is / got / a population / it's / of about / an
- 4 sometimes / stays in Hà Nội / Mr Nam / but / in Hồ Chí Minh City / lives / he

- 5  **USE IT!** Follow the steps in the writing guide.

### WRITING GUIDE

#### A TASK

Write a description of a town or a city that you like for a website.

#### B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Where is the town / city? How big is it?
- 2 How is the town / city? How are the people?
- 3 What are there in the town / city?
- 4 Are there any nice places near the town / city?
- 5 What do you think about the town / city?

#### C WRITE

**Note:** Write only ONE paragraph.

... is a town / city in ...

It's got .....

It's ... and the people ...

There are ... and ...

... are nice places ...

I sometimes ...

#### D CHECK

- *there is, there are*
- position of adjectives
- adverbs (*quite, very, really*)
- *and, but*
- comparative forms