



There's more to Dubai than meets the eye

Lead-in

1. Do modern cities appeal to you?
2. Have you ever been to Dubai? If you have, what were your impressions. If you haven't, would you like to go there?



Video

Watch a short video about Dubai and answer the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt5Soy6pKYA>

1. Is Dubai oil-rich? How much of its GDP comes from oil?
2. How has Dubai made its success?
3. Complete the excerpt:
'There are people still alive today who remember the pre-boom Dubai, which was a port on the gulf. Today Dubai is _____with skyscrapers, nearly _____of them. It is home to the _____ building in the world- the Burj Khalifa. What is incredible is that this transformation happened in the space of just one _____.'
4. What is the rule of law in Dubai like?
5. What's one of the most contentious issues in Dubai and all Gulf Arab States?
6. How important a player is Dubai on the global stage?

Over to you

1. Did you find any of the facts about Dubai surprising?
2. Do you think Dubai is an attractive travel destination?
3. Do you think Dubai makes a good place to set up and run a business?
4. Would you find Dubai's strict rule of law hard to obey?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of building a robust, modern city within the span of only one generation?
6. What do you think of the human rights abuse? Does it make you think any less of Dubai?
7. Dubai has made its success through diversifying. What do you think about this approach? How does your city make money? How big is its potential for attracting investors and making money?
8. Imagine your partner has been offered a one-year employment contract in Dubai. You're considering the pros and cons before deciding whether to accept it. Write down 10 questions you'd like answered about Dubai.