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VOCABULARY

STATE or ACTIVITIES

b Look at these verbs. Do they usually describe activities (A) or states (S)? Do we usually use state verbs in continuous or simple verb forms?

hate	S	play	A	fly	know	travel	listen
seem		run		understand	work	sit	dislike
need		study		prefer	wait	forget	mean
agree		cost		own	belong		

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STATE VERBS - EXPLAIN THE MEANING

suit acceptable for a particular person or situation: *We have holidays to suit everyone.*

respect have a good opinion of somebody because of their character or their ideas: *I respect my boss because he's very honest.*

envy /'envi/ wish that you had somebody else's abilities, lifestyle, possessions, etc.: *I envy people who can make friends easily.*

involve include someone or something in something: *My job involves visiting customers abroad.*

seem appear to be true: *Jim seems to be enjoying the party.*

trust believe that somebody is honest and will not cheat you or harm you: *I trust my daughter completely.*

doubt (that) /daʊt/ think that something may not be true: *I doubt I'll ever see him again.*

recognise know somebody or something because you have seen or heard them before: *I hadn't seen Louise for 20 years, but we recognised each other immediately.*

deserve have earned something because of your good or bad actions or behaviour: *After all that hard work, you deserve a holiday.*

suspect think or believe that something is true or probable: *We suspected that an employee was stealing from the company.*

realise understand a situation, sometimes suddenly: *He realised that he'd left his wallet at home.*

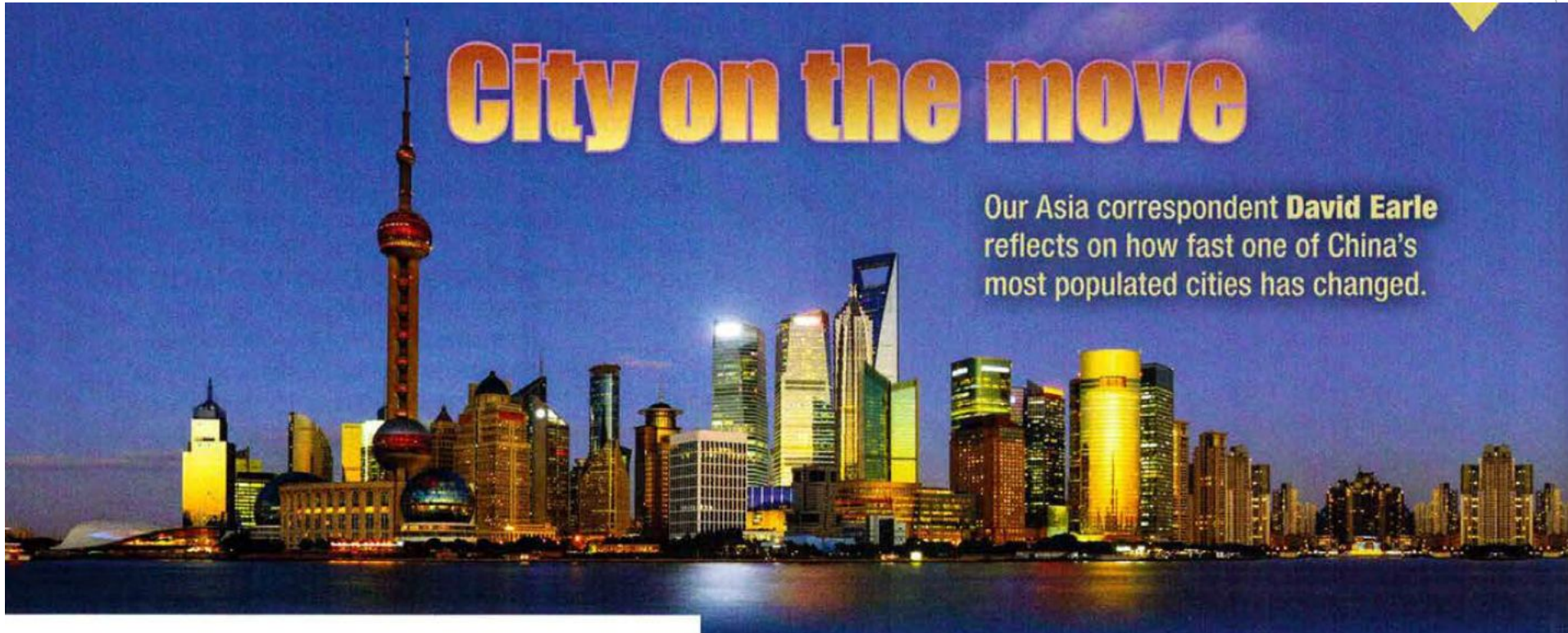
SPEAKING PRACTICE

- 1** **a** Work in pairs. What do you know about China? Discuss these ideas or your own.
- languages
 - population
 - famous people and places
 - history and culture
 - sport and entertainment

SPEAKING PRACTICE - 5 FACTS



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City on the move

Our Asia correspondent **David Earle** reflects on how fast one of China's most populated cities has changed.

READING PRACTICE

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After more than 30 years of rapid industrial development, China is now the biggest producer of manufactured goods in the world. However, such rapid economic change has also created environmental problems and many of China's biggest cities have become more polluted due to increased car ownership. Whereas the bike was once the most popular form of transport, by 2010 the Shanghai bicycle culture had all but disappeared. The city authorities have become more and more concerned about pollution so they have recently encouraged a return to the use of bicycles. They have been restoring bicycle lanes that had been covered over and they are providing many more parking spaces for bikes. There are also now more than 3,500 bike 'rental hotspots' in the city.

I've just got back from my bike ride and I'm in my hotel room, which is 'only' on the fifty-fourth floor! As I look across the Huangpu River at the millions of lights shining from Pudong's skyscrapers, it's easy to understand why Shanghai has become known as the showpiece of China's economic strength.

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GRAMMAR PRACTICE

a Put the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect Simple or Present Perfect Continuous.

- 1 a I _____ Kim and told him where to meet. (call)
b I _____ Kim all day, but he never answers his phone.
(call)
- 2 a David _____ his novel all evening. (write)
b David _____ three novels in the last two years. (write)
- 3 a I _____ the garage, so we can put the car in there now. (clear out)
b I _____ the garage. It's a mess in there! (clear out)
- 4 a You _____ down trees all day. You must be tired. (cut)
b You _____ your finger. (cut)
- 5 a I _____ this book. Do you want to borrow it? (read)
b I _____ this book and I'm really enjoying it. (read)