

# POST-INDUSTRIAL BRITAIN

## ■ 5 The Victorian Age

### Before watching

**1 In the following video you are going to see two big cities in Great Britain: Cardiff and Liverpool. Check how much you know about the two cities already by deciding which city the following statements refer to. Write Liverpool or Cardiff next to each sentence.**

1. It is in the north-west of England.  
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2. It is the capital of Wales.  
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3. It is a port in the southern part of the UK.  
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4. It has a large castle in the centre.  
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5. It has a population of more than 1 million people.  
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6. It was the main port for Transatlantic cargo until the 1950's.  
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7. It was known as the 'New York of Europe'.  
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8. It has two famous football teams that play in red and blue.  
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9. It is the home of the Beatles.  
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10. Many people are bilingual here.  
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11. It has two large cathedrals.  
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12. It has a big rugby stadium.  
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**2 Video vocabulary. Match the word on the left with the definition on the right. Use a dictionary if necessary.**

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| 1. coal mining       | <input type="checkbox"/> a) the exchange of goods and services between people and/or countries             |
| 2. illness           | <input type="checkbox"/> b) a synonym for free time  |
| 3. docks             | <input type="checkbox"/> c) taking a black substance out of the ground to use as fuel                      |
| 4. trade             | <input type="checkbox"/> d) an area where ships arrive with cargo and are loaded or unloaded               |
| 5. to decline        | <input type="checkbox"/> e) a programme to renew an old part of a town or city which is in a bad condition |
| 6. unemployment rate | <input type="checkbox"/> f) the state of not being physically well   |
| 7. leisure           | <input type="checkbox"/> g) the number of people without a job   |
| 8. regeneration      | <input type="checkbox"/> h) to go down, decrease or worsen   |

**3 In the video you will see a 'town crier'. Do you think that a 'town crier' is:**

- ☐ a) a person who starts crying publicly because he or she has lost a boy/girlfriend?
- ☐ b) a person with a bell who traditionally makes public or legal announcements?

### While watching

**4 Watch the whole video once and place the following in the order they are shown or mentioned in the video.**

- ☐ a) The Pierhead Building
- ☐ b) Cardiff City Hall
- ☐ c) The town crier
- ☐ d) A man giving his opinion on Liverpool
- ☐ e) A woman giving her opinion on Liverpool
- ☐ f) The population of Liverpool
- ☐ g) A coal mine in Wales
- ☐ h) The decline of Liverpool as a port
- ☐ i) A person working for Cardiff Council
- ☐ j) The regeneration of Liverpool

**5 Watch again from the start of the video to 01.27 and decide if these statements are true or false.**

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1. Coal mining was important in Wales throughout the eighteenth century. ☐ ☐
2. Many people died from coal mining in Wales. ☐ ☐
3. By the end of the 19th century, Cardiff was the biggest coal exporting port in the world. ☐ ☐
4. There was a big Irish community in Wales in the 19th century. ☐ ☐
5. The population at the end of the 19th century was the same as it is today. ☐ ☐
6. When the coal industry declined, Cardiff had to re-invent itself. ☐ ☐
7. Cardiff has become more touristic. ☐ ☐
8. The City Hall in Cardiff is a museum. ☐ ☐

**6 Watch the speaker from 01.28 to 02.05 and answer the questions.**

1. What does the speaker say in Welsh at the beginning of the interview?

**Now complete the speaker's profile.**

Name: .....(2) Yaseen.

Works for Cardiff .....(3) in their .....(4) making unit.

Responsibilities include encouraging film-makers to make films about Cardiff so that people come to .....(5) the city.

**7 Watch from 02.06 to 02.37 and answer these questions about Liverpool.**

Liverpool was in a good position for trade with .....(1).

Many people came from .....(2) to work in Liverpool.

**8 Now watch from 02.38 to 02.55 and fill in what the 'town crier' says.**

Oyez, oyez, to .....(1) students everywhere, the city of Liverpool extends .....(2) and cordial .....(3).  
Come and .....(4) any time you .....(5).

**9 Now watch from 02.56 to 03.51 and fill in the missing information.**

Liverpool was known as the .....(1) city of the British Empire

After the decline of its port, Liverpool had a high .....(2) rate

Liverpool now has an/a .....(3) economy based on leisure and tourism.

Liverpool was the European Capital of .....(4) in 2008.

**10 Watch the speakers from 03.52 to the end and complete the summary of what they say with words from the box.**

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nice friendliest • brilliant • poverty •  
culture • everything • cathedrals •  
cinemas • art • schizophrenic

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Speaker 1

He thinks that Liverpool is a .....(1) city and probably the .....(2) city in England. However, he says the city is .....(3) in that it has two sides to it, Jekyll and Hyde style, so it has a lot of art and .....(4), but there is also a lot of crime and .....(5).

Speaker 2

She thinks that Liverpool has got .....(6), such as .....(7) and .....(8), restaurants and bars, as well as good nightlife. She thinks it's one of the best cities for .....(9), it's just a .....(10) city.

**After watching**

**11 Prepare some questions to interview a young person living in Cardiff or Liverpool. Ask about facilities for young people, for example going out at night, sports, entertainment in general. Then, in pairs, do a role play where one of you asks the questions and the other student answers as a young person living in Cardiff or Liverpool.**

**12 Think about a city or area in your country that has changed a lot like Liverpool and Cardiff. If possible, do some Internet-based research to find out what it was like before and then describe what it is like now.**

**13 Write a short blog telling young people what your home town/city is like and what things they can do to enjoy themselves.**

**14 Go to [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second\\_city\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_city_of_the_United_Kingdom), find the sections on Cardiff and Liverpool, then answer the following questions:**

#### Cardiff

1. What is Cardiff's population?
2. Which county is Cardiff in?
3. When did Cardiff become a 'city'?
4. When did Cardiff become capital of Wales?
5. What is the name of the national stadium in Cardiff?
6. Which award did Cardiff win in 2009?

#### Liverpool (first 4 paragraphs)

7. When did Liverpool officially become a 'city'?
8. What percentage of world trade passed through Liverpool Docks in the early 19th century?
9. How many people live in the Liverpool City Region?
10. What is a characteristic of Liverpool's population?
11. What did certain areas of Liverpool become in 2004?