

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- How often do you use a public library?
- Do you only use a library to borrow books? What else can you do there?
- Are libraries more or less popular than they were in the past? Why?

2A Match photos A–C to descriptions 1–3 below.

- the new public library
- the 2010Q building
- a department store

B Watch the DVD to check.



A _____



B _____



C _____

3A Work in pairs. Decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- Hundreds of people have come to see the opening of the new library.
- It's the biggest public library in the world.
- Birmingham isn't traditionally famous for its architecture.
- The council are preserving all the buildings from the 1960s.
- Not everybody likes the new library.
- Francine Houben is the designer.
- There is 3,500m² of space inside.
- The woman thinks the balcony is a good place to relax.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

4 Match the words/phrases in the box with their meanings 1–8.

auditorium budget cuts chill out elaborate
jigsaw people from every walk of life
rebranding unity

- when a group of people are joined together
- a puzzle where you fit together pieces of a picture
- giving something a new image
- a government makes these when it has less money to spend
- a large room used for concerts, meetings, speeches, etc.
- carefully organised or designed in a detailed way
- all types of people
- relax

5A Choose one of the famous buildings below and find out as much as you can about it. Use questions 1–5 to help you.

- Hagia Sophia
- Svalbard Global Seed Vault
- Turning Torso
- Antilla

- Where is it?
- When was it built?
- What was it/is it used for?
- What special features does it have?
- Would you like to visit it? Why/Why not?

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the building you chose.

A: I chose the Turning Torso.

B: Where is it?

A: It's in Malmö, in Sweden.