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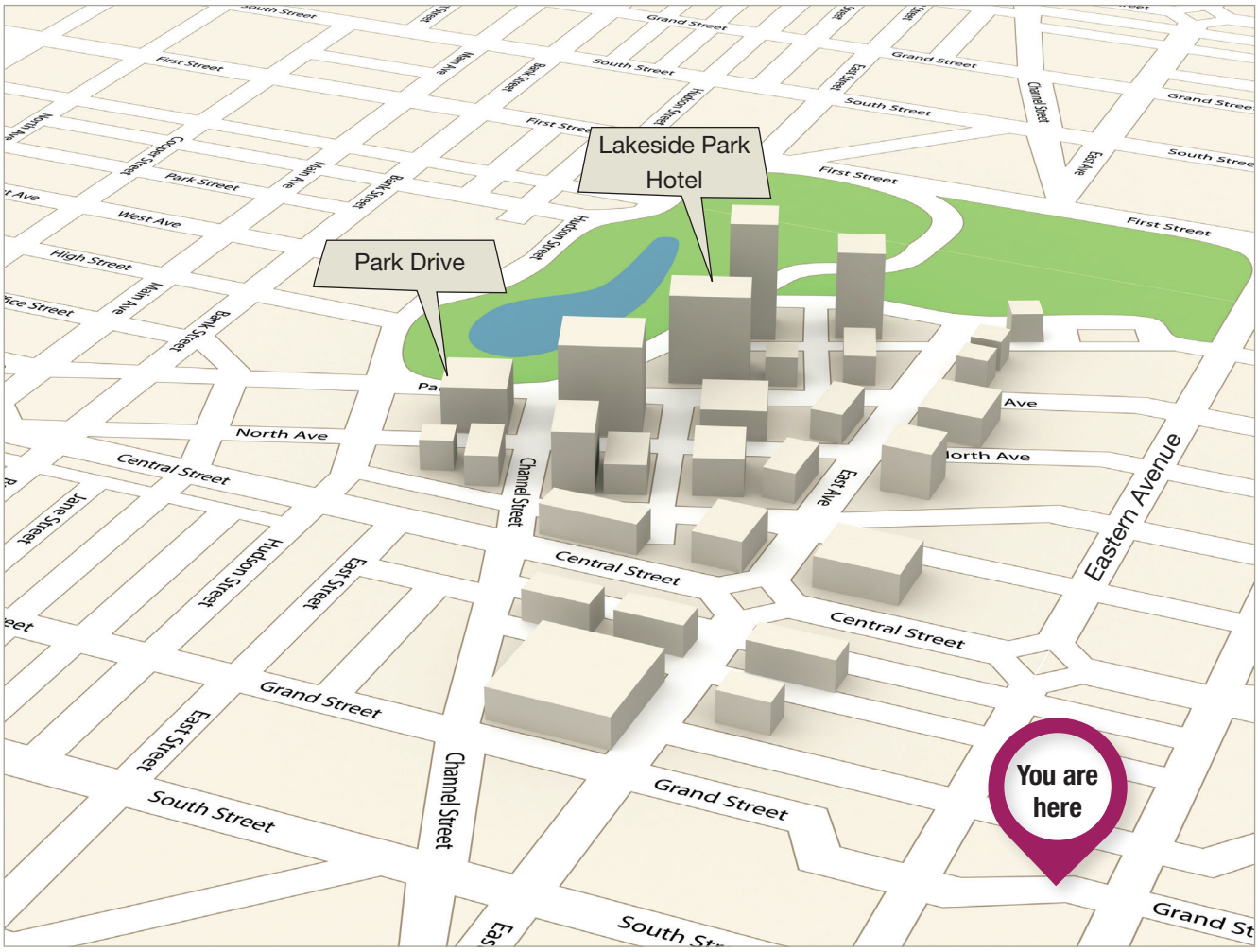
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Speaking 1

You live in the area shown on the map below. A teenage tourist stops you at the place labelled "You are here" on the map and asks for directions to the Lakeside Park Hotel (also labelled on the map). Give the tourist directions to the hotel. Speak for approximately two minutes.



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1 Writing

You write English texts for websites. A tourist company wants you to create a short text promoting Seville for their online brochure about destinations in Spain. They have sent you the encyclopaedia entry below to base your text on, but they want a much lighter text that is suitable for a brochure. Write your brochure text (120-150 words).



Seville is a large city, with 1.5 million residents, making it the fourth largest city in Spain. It is the capital of the Andalusia region of Spain, located in the south-west of Spain, close to the mouth of River Guadalquivir, where it empties into the Atlantic Ocean. Seville's harbour is the only one in Spain situated on a river. In terms of climate, Seville is the hottest city in mainland Europe, with temperatures in the summer commonly above 35°C. It enjoys mild winters with some rain.

Legend says that Hercules created Seville, but it was probably the Phoenicians, who created a trading town there which they called Hisbaal. Under the Romans it grew into a city, which they called Hispalis. During the time of Muslim occupation, it was called Ishbiliyah. With the birth and growth of the Spanish Empire, it became an important port and trade city, receiving goods from all around the world for distribution around the country. Because of this long history, it has many important historical buildings, with three UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Old Town. The first is the Alcázar palace, the second the cathedral (the fourth-largest church in the world) and the third the General Archive of the Indies, a building that was built to store the records of various ships arriving in Seville from the newly-discovered America. Aside from these three, the city is full of historical buildings and museums, as well as being home to flamenco dancing. For these and many other reasons, Seville is a very popular tourist destination, attracting over 2 million tourists annually.

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