

**Dubai** is one of the seven emirates and the most populous state of the United Arab Emirates (UAE). It is located along the southern coast of the Arabian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula. The emirate's main revenues are from tourism, real estate and financial services. Although Dubai's economy was originally built on the back of the oil industry, revenues from petroleum and natural gas currently contribute less than 6% (2006) of the emirate's US\$ 37 billion economy (2005). Real estate and construction, on the other hand, contributed 22.6% to the economy in 2005, before the current large-scale construction boom. *Source: wikipedia*.

Watch the video about Dubai. You will have to talk about what you have seen so answer the following questions which will help you in your summary.

- 1. How many Palm Islands have been constructed off Dubai's coast so far?
- 2. How long have they been under construction?
- 3. What materials have been used in their construction?
- 4. What kind of houses have been built?
- 5. What else have investors planned to build?
- 6. How much do you have to pay for a house on one island?
- 7. How long do people have to wait to have a house?
- 8. What was the original project?
- 9. Why was this project rejected rejected?
- 10. How many islands will be created?