

# 10A The most dangerous road...

## 1 VOCABULARY places and buildings

- a Complete these famous tourist sights with a word from the list. Do you know what countries / cities they are in?

Bridge Castle Mountains Square Street

- 1 Trafalgar \_\_\_\_\_ 4 Edinburgh \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 The Golden Gate \_\_\_\_\_ 5 The Rocky \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Wall \_\_\_\_\_

- b ))) Listen and check.

- c ► **Vocabulary Bank** *Places and buildings.*

## 2 GRAMMAR superlative adjectives

- a Look at the photos. Do you know what countries they are in?

- b ))) With a partner, complete the captions with a phrase from the list. Listen and check.

the biggest the busiest the most dangerous  
 the longest the most popular the widest

- c Complete the chart with superlatives from b.

| Adjective | Comparative    | Superlative        |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|
| big       | bigger         | <i>the biggest</i> |
| long      | longer         |                    |
| wide      | wider          |                    |
| busy      | busier         |                    |
| dangerous | more dangerous |                    |
| popular   | more popular   |                    |

- d What letters do you add to a one-syllable adjective to make a superlative? What words do you put before longer adjectives?

- e ► **Grammar Bank**  
 Learn more about superlative adjectives and practice them.

- 1 The Louvre is \_\_\_\_\_ art gallery in the world.



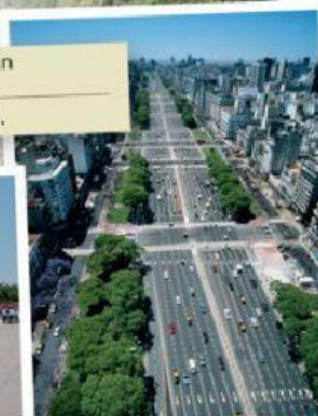
- 2 Vasco da Gama Bridge is \_\_\_\_\_ bridge in Europe.



- 3 The Yungas Road is \_\_\_\_\_ road in the world.



- 5 Avenida 9 de Julio in Buenos Aires is \_\_\_\_\_ street in the world.



- 4 Tiananmen Square is \_\_\_\_\_ square in the world.



- 6 Shinjuku Station in Tokyo is \_\_\_\_\_ train station in the world.



### 3 PRONUNCIATION consonant groups

- a ))) Listen and repeat the adjectives in 2c.



#### Consonant groups

Words that have two or three consonants together, e.g., *fastest*, can be difficult to pronounce.

- b ))) Listen and repeat these superlatives.

the most **expensive**      the most **exciting**      the **oldest**  
the most **beautiful**      the **smallest**

- c ► **Communication** *Cities quiz A p.105 B p.110.*  
Complete the questions with superlative adjectives.  
Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

### 4 READING

- a Read the article below and look at the photo. Would you like to ride a bike there? Why (not)?
- b Read the article again. Then cover the text and answer the questions in pairs.
- 1 Where is the North Yungas Road?
  - 2 Why is it called "Death Road"?
  - 3 How wide is the road?
  - 4 Why is it popular with bike riders?
  - 5 When is the most dangerous time of year to go?
  - 6 Why is the road similar to London Bridge and the Sydney Opera House?
  - 7 Why didn't Marte enjoy riding a bike on the Yungas Road?
- c In pairs, guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words.
- d Is riding a bike popular in your country / region? Is there an area that is very popular with bike riders? Why?

### 5 SPEAKING & WRITING

- a Work in pairs.

A Imagine you are a tourist in your town (or nearest big town) who only speaks English. Ask B, who lives in the town, questions 1–5. Get as much information as you can.

B You live in your town. A is a tourist who doesn't speak your language. Answer his / her questions (1–5). Explain everything very clearly and give as much information as you can!

Then change roles for questions 6–10.

What's the most beautiful park?

I think Griffith Park.

Where's that?

It's downtown, near the Hollywood sign. It has...

- A
- 1 What's \_\_\_\_\_ park? (beautiful)
  - 2 What's \_\_\_\_\_ way to get around? (easy)
  - 3 What's \_\_\_\_\_ museum? (interesting)
  - 4 What's \_\_\_\_\_ time of year to visit? (good)
  - 5 What's \_\_\_\_\_ place to eat typical food? (nice)

- B
- 6 What's \_\_\_\_\_ building? (old)
  - 7 What's \_\_\_\_\_ place to go for a day trip? (nice)
  - 8 What's \_\_\_\_\_ area to walk at night? (dangerous)
  - 9 Where's \_\_\_\_\_ place to buy a souvenir? (good)
  - 10 What's \_\_\_\_\_ area to go at night? (popular)

- b Imagine you want to advertise your town / city for tourists. Write an advertisement using superlative adjectives. Add photos if you can.

*Come to Veracruz. It isn't the biggest or the most important town in Mexico, but it has the nicest people and the most delicious seafood...*

## Riding a bike on the most dangerous road in the world

High in the Andes, the North Yungas Road goes from La Paz, the highest capital city in the world, to Coroico in the Yungas region of Bolivia. The road is only about ten feet wide and the Coroico River lies 656 feet **below**. Bolivians call it "El Camino de la Muerte" (Death Road) because of the number of accidents, and in 1995 it was officially declared "the most dangerous road in the world."

**"One mistake and you are dead."**

Since a new road opened in 2006, there are **fewer** buses and trucks on the old road. But now thousands of mountain bikers come from all over the world to take the most exciting ride of their lives. They start at La Cumbre, 15,400 feet **above** sea level, and go down to 5,000 feet, traveling

at **nearly** 50 miles an hour down the **narrow** road. During the **rainy** season, from December to March, only **experienced** bike riders can take part, but some die every year on the road. So, why do people do it?

Andrew Jagoo, 26, from Melbourne, said after finishing the ride, "If you go to London, you have to see London Bridge, and if you go to Sydney, you have to see the Opera House, and if you go to Bolivia, you have to do the most dangerous road." Marte Solberg, 22, from Norway said, "A lot of people said it was **fun**, but I was scared of falling down and dying. I was worried because I had no experience with mountain biking. One mistake and you are dead. I asked myself a thousand times, 'Why am I doing this?'"



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# Places and buildings

## VOCABULARY BANK

a Match the words and pictures.

- an art gallery /'ɑ:t ɡæləri/
- a bridge /brɪdʒ/
- a bus station /'bʌs steɪʃn/
- a castle /'kæsl/
- a church /tʃɜ:tʃ/
- a department store /di'pɑ:tmənt stɔ:/
- a hospital /'hɒspɪtl/
- a market /'mɑ:kət/
- a mosque /'mɒsk/
- a museum /'myu:ziəm/
- a parking lot /'pɑ:kɪŋ lɒt/
- a pharmacy /'fɑ:məsi/
- a police station /pə'lis steɪʃn/
- a post office /'pəʊst əfɪs/
- a river /'rɪvə/
- a road /rəʊd/
- a shopping mall /'ʃɒpɪŋ mɔ:l/
- a square /skwə/
- a street /stri:t/
- a supermarket /'supə'mɑ:kət/
- a temple /'templ/
- a theater /'θi:ətə/
- 1 a town hall /taʊn 'hɔ:l/
- a train station /'treɪn steɪʃn/

b ))) Listen and check.

c Cover the words and look at the pictures. Test yourself or a partner.



# GRAMMAR BANK

## superlative adjectives

It's **the hottest** month of the year. )))  
 It's **the most dangerous** road in the world.  
 She's **the best** student in the class.  
 Monday is **the worst** day of the week.

- Use *the* + superlative adjective to say which is the (*biggest*, etc.) in a group.
- After superlatives, we use *in* (not *of*) + places, e.g., *the world*, *the class*.

| adjective          | comparative                                             | superlative                                                              | spelling                       |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| cold<br>high       | colder<br>higher                                        | <b>the coldest</b><br><b>the highest</b>                                 | add -est                       |
| big<br>hot         | bigger<br>hotter                                        | <b>the biggest</b><br><b>the hottest</b>                                 | double consonant,<br>add -est  |
| dry<br>sunny       | drier<br>sunnier                                        | <b>the driest</b><br><b>the sunniest</b>                                 | > -iest                        |
| dangerous          | <b>more</b> dangerous                                   | <b>the most</b> dangerous                                                | <i>the most</i> +<br>adjective |
| good<br>bad<br>far | <b>better</b><br><b>worse</b><br><b>farther/further</b> | <b>the best</b><br><b>the worst</b><br><b>the farthest/<br/>furthest</b> | irregular                      |

### a Write the opposite.

- the smallest      *the biggest*
- the coldest      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the most expensive      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the best      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the most difficult      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the driest      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the shortest      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the nearest      \_\_\_\_\_
  - the cleanest      \_\_\_\_\_

### b Complete the sentences with a superlative. Use the adjectives in parentheses.

- The tigers are *the most dangerous* animals in the zoo. (dangerous)
- Our house is \_\_\_\_\_ house on the street. (big)
  - For me, Saturday is \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. (good)
  - My bedroom is \_\_\_\_\_ room in our house. (small)
  - July is \_\_\_\_\_ month in my country. (hot)
  - My neighbors upstairs are \_\_\_\_\_ people in the world. (noisy)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ driver in my family is my dad. (bad)
  - Sophie is \_\_\_\_\_ student in our English class. (young)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ building in my town is the museum. (beautiful)