

Practice

What's Berlin like?

- 1 Mat's favourite German city is **Berlin**. Complete the questions about it with *is* or *are* and the correct words from the box.

Berlin the restaurants the people the buildings the nightlife the weather

I What ¹ *'s Berlin* like?

M It's a really exciting city. There's so much going on all the time.

I What ² _____ like there?

M It's OK. It gets hot in summer and very cold in winter, and we do get quite a lot of rain, but people don't go there for the sunshine!

I What ³ _____ like?

M Berliners are great – they're a very interesting mix. It's a very cosmopolitan city, and it attracts unusual people!

I And what ⁴ _____ like?

M Amazing! Lots of them are famous and historical, but there are some fantastic modern ones, too.

I What ⁵ _____ like?

M They're brilliant! You can find food from every country in the world, and some great traditional German food, too!

I What ⁶ _____ like?

M It's fantastic! There are lots of really good bars and clubs, and some wonderful theatres and concert halls. It's the best thing about Berlin!

7.2 Listen and check.

- 2 Work with a partner. Ask and answer the same questions about the town or city where you are now.



Good, better, best!

Comparatives and superlatives

- 1 7.3 Read and listen to Mat talking about some more cities, and complete the sentences. Which is Mat's favourite city? Why?



I Do you travel a lot, Mat?

M Oh, yes! I often go with I lélène on tour – we've been to Tokyo, Munich, and Santa Barbara recently.

I And what are they ¹ _____?

M Well, they're very different cities! Tokyo is obviously the biggest, and the ² _____. It's ³ _____ bigger ⁴ _____ Munich, and much ⁵ _____ modern.

I And is it more interesting?

M Er, in some ways, yes, but I think they're all interesting cities. And, in fact, for me, the best and ⁶ _____ interesting is Santa Barbara.

I Really? Why?

M Well, it's much smaller ⁷ _____ the other two cities, and it isn't ⁸ _____ exciting – it doesn't have Tokyo's skyscrapers or Munich's history. But it's unusual to find a city that's so beautiful and calm, and so green.

I Santa Barbara sounds like the best city for relaxing. And what about food – which is the ⁹ _____ city for food?

M Oh, for me, Tokyo has the ¹⁰ _____ delicious food – simple and fresh. I just love Japanese food!

I So is it better ¹¹ _____ sausages and sauerkraut?

M Mmm, I don't know about that!

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 What are the comparative and superlative forms of these adjectives?

What are the rules?

a old c busy e small g noisy
b big d interesting f wet h delicious

- 2 What are the comparative and superlative forms of these irregular adjectives?
good bad

- 3 You can also compare with *as ... as*. Which of these cities is the smallest?
'Is Munich *as big as* Berlin?' 'No, it isn't. And Berlin isn't *as big as* Tokyo.'

Grammar reference 7.2 p148

In your own words

- 2 Work with a partner. Compare some towns or cities in your country.