

## 4 PRONUNCIATION Questions of choice

A Listen and practice. Notice how the intonation in questions of choice drops, then rises, and then drops again.

Which city is more crowded, Hong Kong or Cairo?  
Which city is the most expensive: London, Tokyo, or Moscow?

B PAIR WORK Take turns asking these questions. Pay attention to your intonation.

Do you know the answers?

Which desert is bigger, the Gobi or the Atacama?

Which city is higher, Bogotá or La Paz?

Which ocean is the smallest: the Arctic, the Indian, or the Atlantic?

Which mountains are the highest: the Andes, the Rockies, or the Himalayas?

## 6 LISTENING Quiz Show!

C Listen to three people on a TV quiz show. Check (✓) the correct answers.

1. <input type="checkbox"/> the Eiffel Tower	<input type="checkbox"/> the Statue of Liberty	<input type="checkbox"/> the Panama Canal
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Falls	<input type="checkbox"/> Niagara Falls	<input type="checkbox"/> Angel Falls
3. <input type="checkbox"/> gold	<input type="checkbox"/> butter	<input type="checkbox"/> all
4. <input type="checkbox"/> the Arctic Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> the Southern Ocean	<input type="checkbox"/> the Indian Ocean
5. <input type="checkbox"/> São Paulo	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexico City	<input type="checkbox"/> Seoul
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Africa	<input type="checkbox"/> Antarctica	<input type="checkbox"/> Australia

## 8 SNAPSHOT

### 8 Surprising Facts

- 1 The hottest place in the world is Death Valley, California. The temperature there has reached 134°F (56.7°C).
- 2 Antarctica is the largest desert on Earth. It is 5.4 million square miles (14 million square kilometers). It's also the coldest, windiest continent.
- 3 NCIS is the world's most watched TV show. Over 55 million people across the world have watched it.
- 4 The largest cat in the world is the Siberian tiger. At 700 pounds (320 kilos), it is bigger than a lion.
- 5 France is the most popular country to visit. It gets over 80 million visitors a year.
- 6 The highest price for a car at an auction was just over \$38 million for a 1962 Ferrari. The auction happened in 2014.
- 7 The best-selling music album of all time is Michael Jackson's *Thriller*. The 1982 album has sold around 65 million copies.
- 8 The planet in our Solar System with the most moons, 67 total, is Jupiter. The largest one, Ganymede, is the ninth largest object in the Solar System.

#### Answer with complete sentences

1. Which is the hottest place on earth? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which is the most popular country? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which is the best-selling music album of all time? \_\_\_\_\_

**2**

**Write the comparative and superlative forms of the words given.**

**Spelling note: Comparatives and superlatives**

**Add -er or -est to most words.**

**Adjective**

**Comparative**

**Superlative**

**Add -r or -st to words ending in -e.**

long

longer

the longest

**Drop the y and add -ier or -iest.**

large

larger

the largest

**Double the final consonant and add -er or -est.**

dry

drier

the driest

big

bigger

the biggest

1. busy      busier      the busiest

2. cool      \_\_\_\_\_

3. friendly      \_\_\_\_\_

4. heavy      \_\_\_\_\_

5. nice      \_\_\_\_\_

6. noisy      \_\_\_\_\_

7. old      \_\_\_\_\_

8. safe      \_\_\_\_\_

9. small      \_\_\_\_\_

10. wet      \_\_\_\_\_

**3**

**Complete this conversation. Use the superlative form of the words given.**

**Keegan:** So where did you go for your vacation,

Kathy?

**Kathy:** Japan.

**Keegan:** How exciting! Did you have a good time?

**Kathy:** It was terrific! I think Japan is  
\_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) country in Asia.

**Keegan:** Well, it certainly has some of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) cities in the world – Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

**Kathy:** Yeah. I had \_\_\_\_\_ (good) time in Kyoto. It's  
\_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) city I've ever seen. Of course, it's also  
one of \_\_\_\_\_ (popular) tourist attractions. It was  
\_\_\_\_\_ (crowded) city I visited this summer.

**Keegan:** I've always wanted to visit Japan. What's it like in the winter?

**Kathy:** Actually, I think that's \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) time to visit because I don't like cold  
weather. However, I think the Sapporo Snow Festival is \_\_\_\_\_ (fascinating) festival in the world.

