UNIT 19

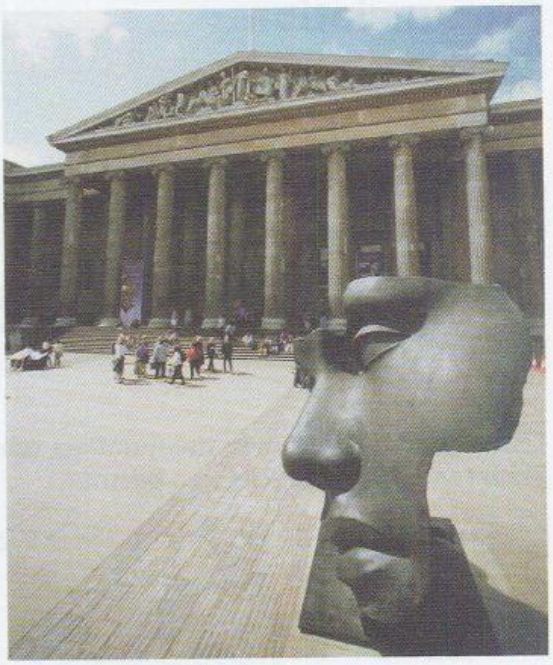
Touring a City

Getting Ready

Look at the picture. Where are the people?

What do you do when you visit a new city? Check (✓) your answers and compare them with a partner.

- ☐ visit museums
- ☐ visit churches or temples
- ☐ take a bus tour
- ☐ try local food
- ☐ go to the zoo
- ☐ buy souvenirs
- ☐ go shopping
- ☐ attend local cultural events
- ☐ other: _____



CD 3-13 Listening 1

People are visiting a city. Where are they? Listen and number the pictures.

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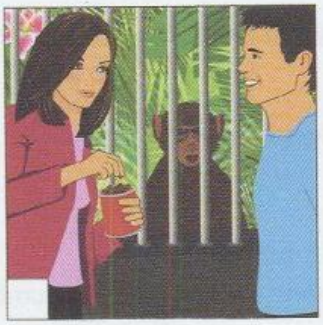
B. 

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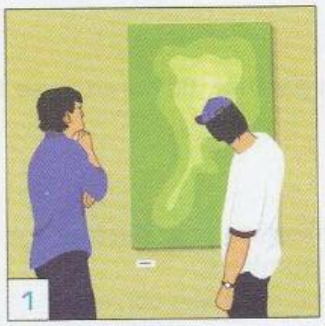
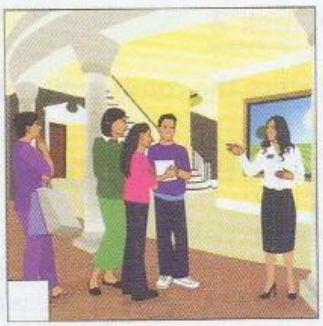
E. 

F. 

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Listening 2

CD 3-14 ▶ **Task 1**

Tour guides are describing some of the things people will see or do on a bus tour. Listen and circle the correct answers.

1. a. take pictures of the stars' houses
   b. see Marilyn Monroe's house
   c. see Joe DiMaggio's house
   d. see James Dean's house
   e. see Arnold Schwarzenegger's house

2. a. go to the Empire State Building
   b. visit the Statue of Liberty
   c. take a taxi uptown
   d. have a picnic in Central Park
   e. go ice skating at Rockefeller Center

3. a. hike in the mountains
   b. visit a market
   c. eat food at the market
   d. go inside a temple
   e. touch the statues

4. a. see a cemetery
   b. go to a museum
   c. visit a famous person's grave
   d. go to the museum shop
   e. go to an open-air market

CD 3-14 ▶ **Task 2**

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Check (✓) the correct answer.

	True	False
1. People can take pictures of the stars' houses.	☐	☑
2. People can buy a photo of the ice rink.	☐	☐
3. People can buy many kinds of souvenirs.	☐	☐
4. People can't take pictures of the graves.	☐	☐

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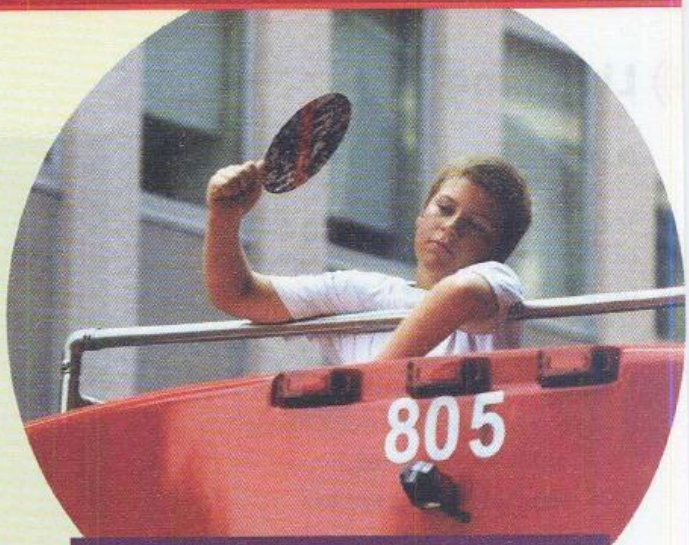
Listening 3



CD 3-15 ▶ **Task 1**

People are talking about the tours they took. What was good or bad about each tour? Listen and check (✓) the correct answer.

1.

	Good	Not good
the itinerary	☐	☑
the guide	☐	☐
the food	☐	☐
the price	☐	☐

3.

	Good	Not good
the itinerary	☐	☐
the guide	☐	☐
the food	☐	☐
the price	☐	☐

2.

	Good	Not good
the itinerary	☐	☐
the guide	☐	☐
the food	☐	☐
the price	☐	☐

4.

	Good	Not good
the itinerary	☐	☐
the guide	☐	☐
the food	☐	☐
the price	☐	☐

CD 3-15 ▶ **Task 2**

Listen again. Would each person recommend the tour? Check (✓) the correct answer.

1. ☐ yes ☑ no
2. ☐ yes ☐ no
3. ☐ yes ☐ no
4. ☐ yes ☐ no

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Conversation Corner ▶ Describing a city

Pronunciation

Reduction of –*est* in superlatives

Pronunciation Help	
How we spell it	**How we say it**
biggest	biggus
oldest	oldus
tallest	tallus

CD 3-16 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen and repeat.

1. It's the *tallest* building in New York City.
2. Mt. Whitney is the *highest* mountain in California.
3. This is the *biggest* shopping mall in the world.
4. It's the *largest* city in Latin America.
5. It's the *shortest* train track.
6. This is the *oldest* theater in the city.

▶ **Task 2**

Read the sentences to a partner. Be sure to reduce –*est* in the superlatives.

Dictation

CD 3-17 ▶ **Task 1**

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: What did you see on your tour?

B: We first saw the Grant House. It's _____ _____ building in the city.

A: Nice. What else did you see?

B: Then we visited the park. It's one of the _____ _____ _____ in the country. After that, we went to the top of the mountain.

A: Oh, I bet the view was great. Isn't that one of the _____ _____ in the state?

B: Yes. Actually, it's the _____ _____ in the country. The view _____ _____.

▶ **Task 2**

Practice the conversation with a partner. Be sure to reduce –*est* in the superlatives.

Conversation

Work in pairs. Imagine you and your partner are going to take a visitor on a tour of your town or city. Talk about what your visitor should see and why.

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