

Superlative cities

1 GRAMMAR superlatives (+ ever + present perfect)

- a Complete the sentences with the superlative of an adjective from the box.

bad	exciting	far	friendly
good	safe	ugly	wet

- 1 The traffic is awful in the middle of the city. The best way to travel around is by the subway.
- 2 It rains a lot here in the spring. The _____ month is April.
- 3 The _____ I've ever driven is from Boston to Chicago. It took me 16 hours.
- 4 It was the _____ hotel I've ever stayed in. The service was awful, so we only spent one night there.
- 5 The _____ buildings are in the new part of the city. They really aren't nice to look at.
- 6 The streets are very dangerous at night. The _____ place to be is in the hotel.
- 7 The _____ part of our tour was in Rio de Janeiro. We saw the first day of the carnival.
- 8 The _____ city I've ever visited is Vancouver. I found the people very helpful.

- b Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 That hotel has the **dirtier** / **dirtiest** rooms I have ever seen.
- 2 It's **the most interesting** / **more interesting** museum in Miami.
- 3 This is the **more expensive** / **most expensive** souvenir I've ever bought.
- 4 That restaurant serves the **better** / **best** pasta we've ever eaten.
- 5 The summer is the **busiest** / **busiest** time of year.

- c Write sentences with *ever*.

- 1 He / rude waiter / I / meet
He's the rudest waiter I've ever met
- 2 That / fast car / I / drive

- 3 It / beautiful building / we / see

- 4 That / healthy meal / he / eat

- 5 It / good photograph / you / take

- 6 This / exciting sport / I / play

- 7 That / bad flight / we / have

- 8 This / interesting city / I / visit

2 VOCABULARY describing a town or city

- a Complete the description of Santa Barbara.



Santa Barbara is a city about 90 miles ¹north of Los Angeles, California on the ²c_____ of the Pacific Ocean. It is ³w_____ of the Santa Ynez Mountains. It has a ⁴p_____ of about 88,000 people and is ⁵f_____ as an ocean-side resort.

b Complete the sentences with the opposite of the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 Some of the buildings in the city are very *modern*. (old)
- 2 Los Angeles is a very p_____ city – there are so many cars. (clean)
- 3 New York City is a very s_____ city these days. (dangerous)
- 4 Mumbai is an extremely n_____ city. (quiet)
- 5 Where's the most b_____ place you've ever been to? (interesting)
- 6 The subway in Tokyo is very c_____. (empty)

c Circle the different word.

1	cathedral	church	shopping mall
2	mosque	temple	town hall
3	market	castle	department store
4	statue	palace	museum

3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

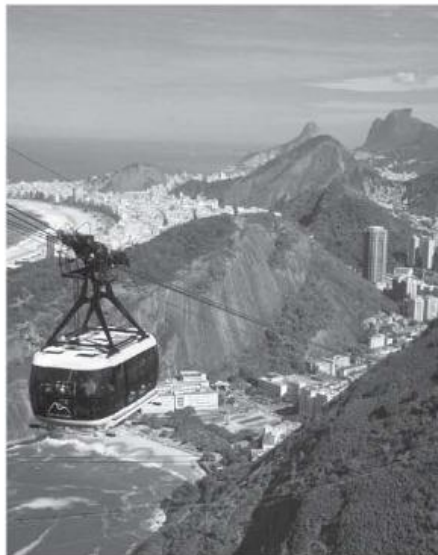
a **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 beau|tiful
- 2 crowd|ed
- 3 di|rty
- 4 ex|citing
- 5 fright|ening
- 6 ge|ne|rous
- 7 in|te|res|ting
- 8 poll|uted
- 9 ro|man|tic

4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio travel program about Brazil. Check (✓) the places that are mentioned in the program.

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| 1 Búzios | ☒ | 4 Rio de Janeiro | ☐ |
| 2 Salvador | ☐ | 5 São Paulo | ☐ |
| 3 Brasília | ☐ | 6 Recife | ☐ |



b **iChecker** Listen again and answer T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Salvador is an old city. T
- 2 Eight million people live in Rio de Janeiro. —
- 3 The churches in Rio de Janeiro are all very new. —
- 4 You can take a bus to visit the peninsula. —
- 5 The best time to visit is December to March. —

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- architecture /'arkətektʃər/
 culture /'kʌltʃər/
 inhabitants /ɪn'hæbətənts/
 without /wɪ'ðaʊt/
 nightlife /'naɪtlaɪf/
 several /'sevrəl/
 foreign /'fɔːrən/
 romantic /roʊ'mæntɪk/
 rude /rud/
 pretend (to do something) /prɪ'tend/