Unit 1 Great places to be

Reading 1

Table completion

The best cities in the world

In a recent internet survey, tourists and business travellers were asked to rate 50 cities around the world, from the best to the worst. Of the top three cities, two were in Europe and one was in Australia.

In third place was London, scoring highly mainly because it was the most famous city on the list of 50 surveyed. It was also seen as a very good place to do business, and was an important cultural centre. However, it lost points because people believed it was an extremely expensive place to live.

Sydney was also a very popular destination, achieving second place on the list because people believed it had the friendliest inhabitants, as well as the best standard of living and the nicest climate. It failed to make the top spot, however, because people thought there were very few things to see there, and many also thought it was too far away from other business and cultural centres.

At the top of the list was Paris. Despite problems such as the large amount of traffic, it beat other cities to first place because people considered it to be the most interesting city, with more museums, art galleries and places of interest than anywhere else. People also thought it was the best city to take a holiday in.

2 Find words or phrases in the passage which have a similar meaning to the underlined words and phrases in the table below.

well-known: famous ... quality of life: .....
excellent: ..... most pleasant: .....
very: ..... not many: .....
residents: ..... a lot: .....

3 Now complete the table. Choose ONE word from the passage for each answer.

City	Overall position in survey	Perceived advantages	Perceived disadvantages
London	**1**	• Is more well-known than the other cities. • Has excellent **2** ..... opportunities.	Is very **3** ..... .
Sydney	Second	• Residents are the **4** ..... . • Has the best quality of life. • Has the most pleasant **5**	Not many things to see.
Paris	**6**	• Is more **7** ..... than other cities.	Has a lot of **8** ..... .

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