

## 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 weather  
the buildings the nightlife

I What <sup>1</sup> is Berlin like?

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

I What <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like?

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

I What <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ like?

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

I What <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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?

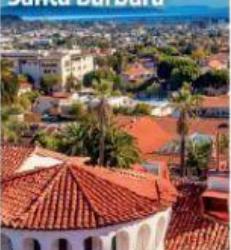
Tokyo



Munich



Santa Barbara



I Do you travel a lot, Mat?

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

I And what are they <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

M Well, they're very different cities! Tokyo is obviously the biggest, and the <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. It's <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ bigger <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Munich, and much <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ interesting is Santa Barbara.

I Really? Why?

M Well, it's much smaller <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the other two cities, and it isn't <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ city for food?

M Oh, for me, Tokyo has the <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ delicious food – simple and fresh. I just love Japanese food!

I So is it better <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.