

5B Superlative cities



Chicago



Washington, D.C.



New Orleans



Miami



Minneapolis/St. Paul

1 GRAMMAR superlatives (+ ever + present perfect)

- a Look at the photos of five US cities. What do you know about them? Have you been to any of them?
- b Read the article. With a partner guess which city from a goes in each blank.

Travel survey gives its verdict on American cities.

New York City is the **dirtyest** city in the US, says a survey by travel website, Travel and Leisure, but it is **the most stylish** city and it has **the best** musicals. According to the survey, travelers say that...

“Travel really can transform your life, and these are a few of the trips that can make it happen,” says a Travel and Leisure editor.

- 1 _____ has **the best** museums.
- 2 _____ is **the friendliest** city.
- 3 _____ has **the most aggressive** drivers.
- 4 _____ has **the best** architecture.
- 5 _____ is **the cleanest** city.

- c Look at 1–5 in the survey in b. Think about your country or continent. Which cities would *you* choose?
- d Look at the **bold** superlative adjectives in the survey. How do you make the superlative of...?
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| 1 a one-syllable adjective | 3 a three-syllable adjective |
| 2 a two-syllable adjective that ends in -y | 4 <i>good</i> and <i>bad</i> |
- e ➤ p.134 Grammar Bank 5B. Learn more about superlatives and practice them.

2 PRONUNCIATION word and sentence stress

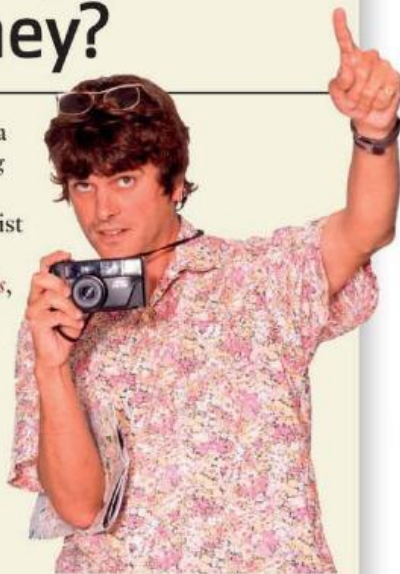
- a Underline the stressed syllable in the **bold** adjectives.
- 1 What's the most **beautiful** city you've ever been to?
 - 2 What's the most **expensive** thing you've ever bought?
 - 3 Who's the most **impatient** person you know?
 - 4 Who's the most **generous** person in your family?
 - 5 What's the most **frightening** movie you've ever seen?
 - 6 What's the most **exciting** sport you've ever played?
 - 7 What's the most **interesting** book you've read recently?
 - 8 What's the most **romantic** restaurant you've ever been to?
- b (2 44) Listen and check. Listen again and repeat the questions. Copy the rhythm. Which words are stressed?
- c Work with a partner. **A** answer question 1 with a sentence. **B** ask for more information. Change roles for question 2, etc.
- The most beautiful city I've ever been to is Rio de Janeiro.* *When did you go there?*

3 READING & SPEAKING

- a Read the article. In pairs, answer the questions.
- 1 What are the three tests?
 - 2 Do you think they are good ones?
 - 3 Which city do you think will be the friendliest / most unfriendly?

All big cities are unfriendly – or are they?

Big cities often have a reputation for being rude, unfriendly places for tourists. Journalist Tim Moore went to four cities, *London, Rome, Paris*, and *New York City*, to find out if this is true. He went dressed as a foreign tourist and used three (not very scientific!) tests to see which city had the friendliest and most polite inhabitants. The three tests were:



1 The photo test

Tim asked people on the street to take his photo (not just one photo, but several – with his hat, without his hat, etc.). Did he find someone to do it?

2 The shopping test

Tim bought something in a store and gave the salesperson too much money. Did the person give back the extra money?

3 The accident test

Tim pretended to fall down on the street. Did anybody come and help him?

- b ► **Communication** *The friendliest city* A p.102 B p.107 C p.110. Read about what happened in London, Paris, and Rome.

4 LISTENING

- a (2 45) Now listen to Tim Moore talking about what happened in New York City. How well does New York City do in each test?
- b Listen again and answer the questions.

The photo test

- 1 Who did he ask?
- 2 What did the person say?
- 3 What happened when he asked for more photos?

The shopping test

- 4 Where was the souvenir store?
- 5 What did he buy?
- 6 How many people did he buy souvenirs from?
- 7 Did he get the right change?

The accident test

- 8 Where did he use the accident test?
- 9 Did anyone help him?
- 10 What did the man say?

- c Think about the nearest big city to where you live. Imagine you used the three tests there. What do you think would happen? Is it a friendly city?

5 VOCABULARY describing a town or city

- a Think about how to answer these questions about where you live. Compare with a partner.

- Do you live in a village, a town, or a city?
- Where is it?
- How big is it?
- What's the population?
- What's it like?



- b ► p.156 **Vocabulary Bank** *Describing a town or city.*

6 WRITING

- p.114 **Writing** *Describing where you live.* Write a description of the place where you live.

7 (2 49) SONG *Nobody Does It Better* 🎵