

GRAMMAR FOCUS

Adverbs before adjectives

Punta Cana is **really** nice.

It's a **really** nice place.

It's **fairly** expensive.

It's a **fairly** expensive destination.

It's not **very** big.

It's not a **very** big city.

New York is **too** noisy, and it's **too** crowded for me.

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adverbs

too

extremely

very/really

pretty

fairly/somewhat



A Match the questions with the answers. Then practice the conversations with a partner.

1. What's Seoul like? Is it an interesting place? _____
2. Do you like your hometown? Why or why not? _____
3. What's Sydney like? I've never been there. _____
4. Have you ever been to São Paulo? _____
5. What's the weather like in Chicago? _____

- a. Oh, really? It's beautiful and very clean. It has a great harbor and beautiful beaches.
- b. Yes, I have. It's an extremely large and crowded place, but I love it. It has excellent restaurants.
- c. It's really nice in the summer, but it's too cold for me in the winter.
- d. Not really. It's too small, and it's really boring. That's why I moved away.
- e. Yes. It has amazing shopping, and the people are pretty friendly.

Conjunctions

Los Angeles is a big city, **and** the weather is nice.

It's a big city. It's not too big, **though**.

Boston is a big city, **but** it's not too big.

It's a big city. It's not too big, **however**.

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B Choose the correct conjunctions and rewrite the sentences.

1. Kyoto is very nice. Everyone is extremely friendly. (and / but)
2. The streets are crowded during the day. They're very quiet at night. (and / though)
3. The weather is nice. Summers get pretty hot. (and / however)
4. You can rent a bicycle. It's expensive. (and / but)
5. It's an amazing city. I love to go there. (and / however)

