

Vocabulary

Adjectives to describe places

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- I don't like this part of the city. There's a lot of rubbish and the streets aren't very *clean*/ *beautiful*.
- The guided tour we went on was really *lively*/ *interesting*. We learnt a lot about the area.
- There are so many people in the museum today – it's really *modern*/ *crowded*!
- I had a great holiday in Ibiza, but it wasn't very *dirty*/ *cheap* – it cost a lot of money!
- The park near my flat isn't near any roads, so it's nice and *noisy*/ *peaceful*.
- There's so much to do in Madrid. It's an *exciting*/ *old* place to visit.

2 Complete the text with the words in the box.

beautiful dirty interesting lively
modern noisy old popular

The town I live in is called Amira. It's very ¹ _____, more than 2,000 years, in fact! I've lived here for ten years now. It's a very ² _____ place, with lots of people and noise. There's a mix of old and ³ _____ buildings and there are many ⁴ _____ tourist sites which everybody likes to visit during the summer. There's also a ⁵ _____ beach close to the centre where you can relax. There are lots of festivals in spring time, with music and dancing, so it's quite ⁶ _____ at that time of year. The big parties in the city centre make the streets very ⁷ _____ – there's so much rubbish! But it's only for a short time, so it's not really a problem. I think everyone should come and visit my town. It's ⁸ _____ because there are so many things to do, and the sun always shines!



Grammar

Comparatives

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- to phone friends / it's easier / than to write emails
It's easier to phone friends than to write emails.
- than English / maths / is more difficult / my sister thinks

- than riding a bike / is worse for the environment / driving a car

- is less boring / working with other people /
than working alone / I think

- they say that / than the old theatre / is uglier /
the new theatre

- than it was before / is cleaner now / the river

- as / is not / this class / as easy / the last class

- your city / weather / has better / than mine

- faster than / Brigit doesn't run / her sister

- than my laptop / my mobile was / less expensive

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- The street is _____ (noisy) now because of the new student houses. There's a party every night of the week!
- This area is _____ (beautiful) and _____ (peaceful) than the centre of town. Listen how quiet it is!
- Homes in cities are often _____ (not big) homes in villages.
- I think that small towns are _____ (good) places to live in than big cities.
- Walking home alone late at night is _____ (safe) than walking home late at night with other people.
- Cities with cheap public transport can be _____ (popular) than cities with expensive buses and trains.
- This area is _____ (old) than the area where I live.
- The gym is _____ (busy) during the week than at the weekend. It's crowded at weekends!
- My old home was _____ (not modern) my new home.
- This city is _____ (interesting) to visit in summer than in winter.

