

TOWNS WITH CHARACTER



Granada, Nicaragua

- 1 It is not a town that pretends to be something it isn't.
- 2 It is known for its period buildings.
- 3 It is very busy with visitors from outside.
- 4 Its residents seem happy and comfortable.
- 5 It has a relaxed feel to it.
- 6 Its economy has grown in recent decades.

Match the town's description to the ideas from 1 to 6

It might be cheating slightly to call Granada a town: it's officially a city, but not a big sprawling city like Managua. Granada's quite small and self-contained. It's also the oldest colonial town in Latin America (founded in 1524) with beautifully preserved, elegant architecture. In some historic towns you feel like you're in a museum, but Granada's not like that; it's not scruffy, but it's not particularly smart either and I quite like that. It just feels like a genuine working town, with farmers from the local countryside coming and going to sell their produce in the town's vibrant markets. Outside the commercial areas, life has quite a gentle rhythm and after dusk everything goes pretty quiet. That's changing a little now as tourism in Nicaragua increases and Granada becomes a magnet for visitors. But you can see why they come; it's such an incredibly photogenic place.

What does the underlined expressions "QUITE" and "NOT PARTICULARLY" mean in each sentence?

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Quantifier + adjectives

quite / pretty / fairly + adjective

make the adjective less strong in + and - sentences

The new project is **quite** ...

The idea isn't **quite**

quite + things fairly great extent

It was **quite a good idea**, but....

Rather = BIT MORE STRONGER THAN QUITE

That's **RATHER a good waste of** ..

That's a **RATHER waste of** ...

NOT PARTICULARLY / NOT VERY + ADJECTIVE

mean the opposite

It isn't very ...

It isn't particularly

How would you describe some of these places?



Police is quite not to mention
some of them are fairly



These busses have quite an interesting

If it's about TRANSMETROS I'd say these are
rather..... instead of



.... is not particularly nor very
.....



Quantifier + verbs

quite + like, enjoy (means a bit)

I quite like the new changes because ...

quite + agree/ understand (I completely...)

I don't quite understand why...

Quite - to disagree or show surprise

A; I find it horrible

B: I quite like it.

I'm quite getting the style of the place

Not particularly + like , enjoy, hope (the opposite)

I don't particularly

a little / a bit/ rather (means a bit)

It rather annoys me that ...



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I quite like the fact that

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A; I find it

B: but other people quite enjoy it.

I'm quite getting why people

Not particularly + like , enjoy, hope (the opposite)

I don't particularly

a little / a bit/ rather (means a bit)

It rather annoys me that ...

Choose the best explanation for each sentence.

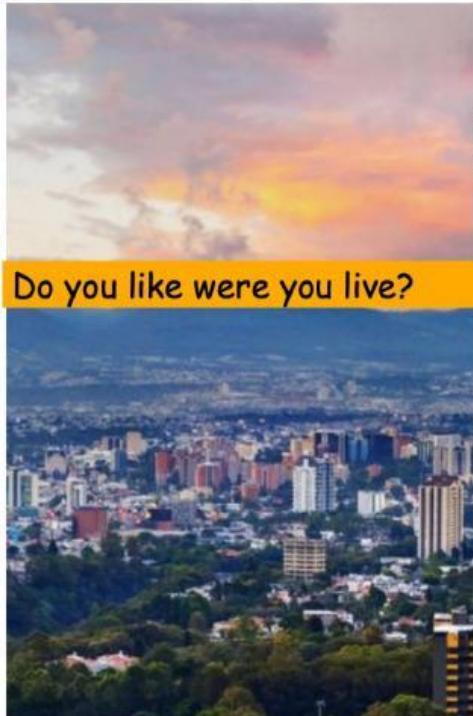
- 1 I quite agree with what you're saying.
 - a I agree with everything.
 - b I only agree with a few things.
- 2 It was freezing this morning but the weather's improving a little now.
 - a The weather is much better now.
 - b The weather is slightly better now.
- 3 Martina: I hate this kind of music.
Isabella: Really? I quite like it.
 - a Isabella only likes this kind of music a little.
 - b Isabella enjoys this kind of music.
- 4 I don't particularly enjoy this kind of food.
 - a I dislike this kind of food.
 - b I sometimes enjoy this kind of food.
- 5 I rather hoped that the party would be cancelled because I'm so tired.
 - a This was my wish.
 - b I only hoped this a little bit.



Check the best option, in one case, both options are correct.

- 1 The food in that restaurant *wasn't very good / was quite good*. I won't be going there again.
- 2 There's *quite a / a quite* big queue in that shop. Let's go somewhere else.
- 3 This car *is quite / isn't particularly* cheap. We should buy it.
- 4 It was *a fairly / fairly a* difficult test.
- 5 She's had *rather a / a rather* relaxing day.
- 6 He'd had *pretty a / a pretty* tiring day so he decided to go straight home.





Do you like where you live?

Do you like where you live now?
I¹ like it, but it's not a
² lively place. Don't get me wrong:
the people are³ friendly and
they've welcomed us very warmly. We've just
had to adapt⁴

To be honest, it's ⁵ modern and characterless. I'm ⁶ confident it'll get better with time as more people move in. But at the moment we're struggling ⁷ to enjoy it.

Answer the questionnaire about your home town Use at least one qualifier in each answer.

quite + adjective (very)
rather

not particularly/very + adjective
(opposite)

quite = verb (a bit)

quite+ understand / agree (completely)

Reply with quite to show surprise or
disagreement



- 1 How would you describe your home town?
How does this compare to descriptions of it you have read?
- 2 What's your home town known for – a famous person, a historical event, its produce?
- 3 Has your home town changed a lot in the time you've known it? If so, how?
- 4 I've got a day in your home town. What can I do?
- 5 Where is the best place to get a nice, reasonably-priced meal in your home town?
- 6 If you could change one thing about your home town, what would it be?
- 7 Would you be happy to live in your home town all your life? Why? / Why not?

What places in the country match these descriptions?

- a. boom area
- b. self-contained area
- c. holiday area
- d. sprawling town
- e. university area
- f. ghost area
- g. quaint town
- h. historic area
- i. well-kept town
- j. industrial area
- k. shanty area
- l. market town

