

11 It's a really nice city.

- Describe hometowns, cities, and countries
- Make recommendations about places to visit

1 WORD POWER Adjectives to describe places

A PAIR WORK Match each word in column A with its opposite in column B. Then add two more pairs of adjectives to the list.

A	B
1. beautiful	a. boring
2. cheap	b. crowded
3. clean	c. dangerous
4. interesting	d. expensive
5. quiet	e. noisy
6. relaxing	f. polluted
7. safe	g. stressful
8. spacious	h. ugly
9. _____	i. _____
10. _____	j. _____



beautiful



ugly

B PAIR WORK Choose two places you know. Describe them to your partner using the words in part A.

2 CONVERSATION It looks so relaxing.

A Listen and practice.

Ron That photo is really cool! Where is that?

Camila That's a beach near my house in Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic.

Ron It looks so relaxing. I've heard the area is really beautiful.

Camila Yeah, it is. The weather is great, and there are some fantastic beaches. The water is really clear, too.

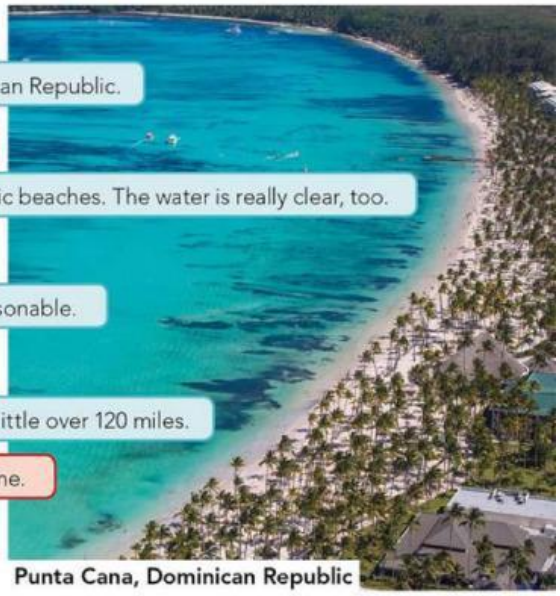
Ron Is it expensive there?

Camila Well, it's not cheap. But prices for tourists can be pretty reasonable.

Ron Hmm . . . and how far is it from Santo Domingo?

Camila It's not *too* far from the capital. About 200 kilometers . . . a little over 120 miles.

Ron It sounds very interesting. I should plan a trip there sometime.



Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Camila say about entertainment in Punta Cana?

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3 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.
Boston is a big city, **but** it's not too big.
It's a big city. It's not too big, **though**.
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)

   _____

C **GROUP WORK** Describe three cities or towns in your country. State two positive features and one negative feature for each.

A: Singapore is very exciting and there are a lot of things to do, but it's too expensive.
B: The weather in Bogotá is . . .



Kyoto, Japan

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 LISTENING Describing hometowns

A Listen to Abby and Christopher talk about their hometowns. What do they say about them? Choose the correct words.

Abby's hometown	Christopher's hometown
a fairly / not very large town	a really / fairly stressful place
somewhat / extremely beautiful	pretty / too crowded
pretty / very cheap	not very / extremely clean
_____ quiet	_____ expensive

B Listen again. Write another adverb you hear them use to describe their hometowns.

5 WRITING A great place to live

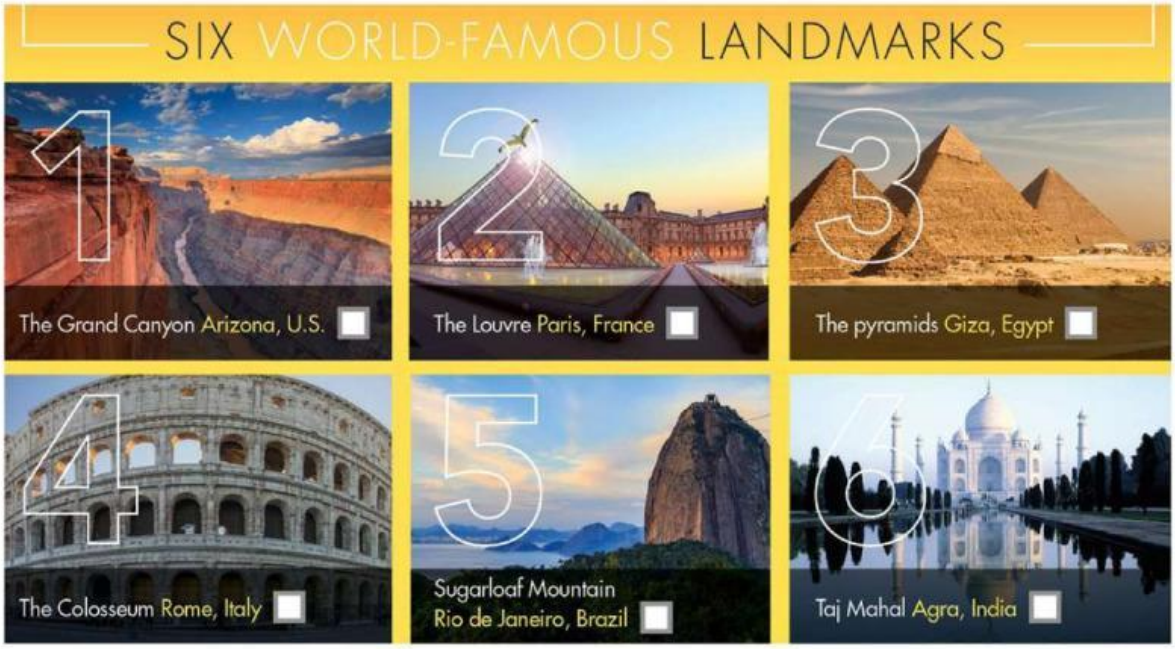
A Write about interesting places for tourists to visit in your hometown.

Otavalo is a very interesting town in Ecuador. It's to the north of Quito. It has a fantastic market, and a lot of tourists go there to buy handmade art and crafts. The scenery around Otavalo is very pretty and . . .



B **PAIR WORK** Exchange papers and read each other's articles. What did you learn about your partner's hometown?

6 SNAPSHOT



Which places would you like to visit? Why?
Put the places you would like to visit in order from most interesting (1) to least interesting (6).
Which interesting places around your country or the world have you already visited?
What three other places around the world would you like to visit? Why?

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7 CONVERSATION What should I do there?

A Listen and practice.


JASON Can you tell me a little about Mexico City?


CLAUDIA Sure. What would you like to know?


JASON Well, I'm going to be there for a few days next month. What should I do there?

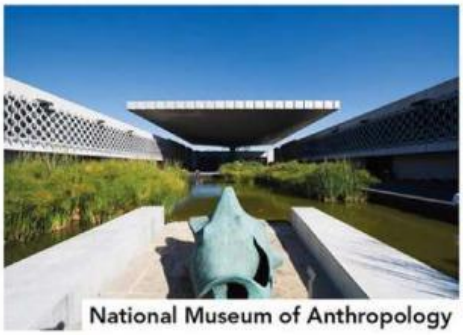

CLAUDIA Oh! You should definitely visit the National Museum of Anthropology. It's amazing.


JASON OK. It's on my list now! Anything else?


CLAUDIA You shouldn't miss the Diego Rivera murals. They're incredible. Oh, and you can walk around the historic center.


JASON That sounds perfect. And what about the food? What should I eat?


CLAUDIA You can't miss the street food. The tacos, barbecue, fruit . . . it's all delicious.


National Museum of Anthropology


Diego Rivera murals

B Listen to the rest of the conversation. Where is Jason from? What should you do there?

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Modal verbs *can* and *should*

What **can** I do in Mexico City?	What **should** I see there?
You **can** walk around the historic center.	You **should** visit the National Museum of Anthropology.
You **can't** miss the street food.	You **shouldn't** miss the Diego Rivera murals.

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A Complete these conversations using *can*, *can't*, *should*, or *shouldn't*. Then practice with a partner.

1. **A:** I _____ decide where to go on my vacation.
   B: You _____ go to Morocco. It's my favorite place to visit.
2. **A:** I'm planning to go to Puerto Rico next year. When do you think I _____ go?
   B: You _____ go anytime. The weather is nice almost all year.
3. **A:** _____ I rent a car when I arrive in New York? What do you recommend?
   B: No, you _____ definitely use the subway. It's fast and not too expensive.
4. **A:** Where _____ I get some nice jewelry in Istanbul?
   B: You _____ miss the Grand Bazaar. It's the best place for bargains.
5. **A:** What _____ I see from the Eiffel Tower?
   B: You _____ see all of Paris, but in bad weather, you _____ see anything.

B Write answers to these questions about your country. Then compare with a partner.

What time of year should you go there?
What are three things you can do there?
What can you do for free?
What shouldn't a visitor miss?

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9 PRONUNCIATION *Can't and shouldn't*

A Listen and practice these statements. Notice how the *t* in **can't** and **shouldn't** is not strongly pronounced.

You can get a taxi easily.
You can'**t** get a taxi easily.
You should visit in the summer.
You shouldn'**t** visit in the summer.


Las Vegas, United States

B Listen to four sentences. Choose the modal verb you hear.

1. can / can't
2. should / shouldn't
3. can / can't
4. should / shouldn't

10 LISTENING Where should you go?

A Listen to speakers talk about three countries. Complete the chart.

Country	Largest city	What visitors should see or do
1. Japan		
2.		
3.		

B Listen again. What else do the speakers say about the countries?

11 SPEAKING What can visitors do there?

GROUP WORK Has anyone visited an interesting place in your country or in another country? Find out more about it. Start like this and ask questions like the ones below.

A: I visited Jeju Island once.
B: Really? What's the best time of year to visit?
A: Springtime is very nice. I went in May.
C: What's the weather like then?

What's the best time of year to visit?
What's the weather like then?
What should tourists see and do there?
What special foods can you eat?
What's the shopping like?
What things should people buy?
What else can visitors do there?


Jeju Island, South Korea

12 INTERCHANGE 11 Welcome to our city!

Make a guide to fun places in your city. Go to Interchange 11 on page 126.

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13 READING

A Skim the emails. What city is famous for small plates of food? Where is a good place to ride your bike at night?

A big "Hello!" from . . .

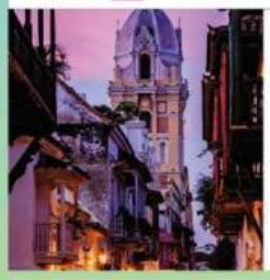
New mail — Barcelona, Spain — Reply — Forward

Barcelona is simply awesome! The city is famous for the architect Antoni Gaudí. I've seen a different Gaudí building every day. Gaudí designed some amazing places like the church *La Sagrada Familia*. Workers started building the church in 1882, but it isn't finished yet. Some people say it might be finished by 2030. I've also visited *Las Ramblas*, a street with great cafés. I've eaten delicious tapas every day. A *tapa* is a small plate of food. My friends and I usually order several tapas and share them. The weather is great! I think I came here at just the right time of the year.

Kathy



New mail — Cartagena, Colombia — Reply — Forward



I've discovered that Cartagena has two different personalities. One is a lively city with fancy restaurants and crowded old plazas. And the other is a quiet and relaxing place with sandy beaches. If you come here, you should stay in the historic district – a walled area with great shopping, nightclubs, and restaurants. It has some wonderful old Spanish buildings. Last night I learned some salsa steps at an old dance club. Today, I went on a canoe tour of *La Ciénaga* mangrove forest.

Mike

New mail — Bangkok, Thailand — Reply — Forward

Bangkok is the most exciting place I've ever visited. There's something for everyone. You can surf or swim with sharks. Or why not try out some extreme cycling at Peppermint Bike Park? The park has two great bike paths. You can ride your bike there until 10:00 at night. I ate the most delicious food in Bangkok, including the famous pad thai – a spicy noodle dish. At night, there are clubs, restaurants, cafés, and movie theaters to visit. It's impossible to be bored. I love it!

Jasmin



B Read the emails. Check (✓) the cities where you can do these things. Then complete the chart with examples from the emails.

Activity	Barcelona	Cartagena	Bangkok	Examples
1. swim with sharks	☐	☐	☐	
2. see a famous church	☐	☐	☐	
3. eat spicy food	☐	☐	☐	
4. go dancing	☐	☐	☐	
5. take a boat tour	☐	☐	☐	
6. eat small plates of local food	☐	☐	☐	

C **PAIR WORK** Which city is the most interesting to you? Why? Which other city or cities in the world would you like to visit? Why?

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