5.4 FIRST IMPRESSIONS

LESSON OBJECTIVE
- write a comment agreeing or disagreeing with an online post

1 READING

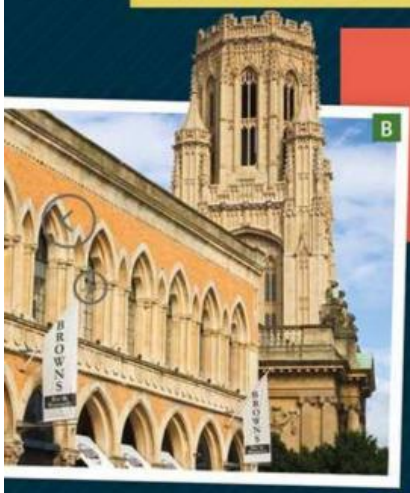
A PAIR WORK **Look at the pictures. Which picture is Chicago? Which is Bristol? Which is Melbourne?**

B READ FOR MAIN IDEAS **Read the posts. What kind of website is this? Who is positive, and who is negative about their first day?**

A stranger in a strange town



Rafael: I went to Chicago about ten years ago for a work project. I remember the moment I stepped off the bus from the airport. Everything was strange – the smells, the crowds, the language – and everyone was in a hurry. The weather was also very cold. I needed warm clothes, and fast! In Mexico, we don't have winters like that!



Julia: I'm from Cologne in Germany. At age 20 I went to the U.K. as an exchange student. I remember my first day at the university in Bristol. It was scary, but then I looked around and saw so many other people in my situation. I thought, "They must feel the same." That helped. And it was a beautiful September day. Suddenly, I felt so positive.



Kamal: I was born in Nepal, but I went to live in Melbourne, Australia, as an immigrant worker. On that first day, I didn't understand any English, but I remember that people were friendly. I smiled, and they smiled back. I walked along the river and felt very free. Everything was clean and new, like a fresh start.

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C READ FOR DETAILS **Read the posts again. Check (✓) the sentences that are true. Correct the false ones.**

- ☐ 1 Rafael was prepared for his arrival in Chicago.
- ☐ 2 The weather is different in Rafael's country.
- ☐ 3 Julia went to Bristol for work.
- ☐ 4 Julia felt very scared and alone, and those feelings never changed.
- ☐ 5 When he arrived, Kamal already knew some English.
- ☐ 6 For Kamal, his first day was like a new beginning.

D PAIR WORK THINK CRITICALLY **Imagine what these people say about your hometown. Do they say the same things or different things?**

- an exchange student from another country
- a businessperson
- an immigrant worker

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