

Lesson 8A

GRAMMAR | superlative adjectives
VOCABULARY | describing places
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VOCABULARY

describing places

1 A Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- The view from our hotel window was very
a ocean b pretty c national
- There are lots of little shops and markets the area.
a in b on c at
- Yesterday we swam in the It was very cold!
a forest b coast c ocean
- Madrid is about 70 km west here.
a at b on c of
- Be careful on those dangerous by the sea.
a rocks b forests c oceans
- Golden Gate park is right the middle of San Francisco.
a on b in c at

B Complete the sentences with one word in each gap. The first letter is given.

- In the afternoon, we had a l walk in the f
- Oxford is a famous town in the m of England.
- Cabo San Lucas is a popular Mexican holiday city on the Pacific O
- There are lots of p little shops and cafés in the a
- At the t of the mountain there are some w views across the park.
- Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur is the N Palace of Malaysia.

C Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Visit Croatia

Come and visit
1 **wonderful** /
national Croatia.

There are lots of great things to do here. You can relax by the 2 **rocks** / **coast** and swim in the Mediterranean Sea. Because it's not an 3 **ocean** / **coast**, the water is 4 **lovely** / **pretty** and warm. Or perhaps visit the Plitvice Lakes 5 **National** / **Wonderful** Park, which is 130 km south 6 **for** / **of** the capital, Zagreb. The lakes are in the 7 **top** / **middle** of a beautiful forest and are very 8 **national** / **pretty**.



GRAMMAR

superlative adjectives

2 A The sentences below have a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

- I'm the most tall person in my family.
a tallest b taller c tall
- By bike is best way to travel in my city.
a better b most good c the best
- What's the modern part of your city?
a most modern b a modern c more modern
- The south of my country is the most dry part.
a dry b driest c drier

B Complete the text with the superlative form of the adjectives in the box.

beautiful dry far high large wet

Did you know ... ?

We aren't alone in space. There are eight planets in our solar system. The 1 from Earth is Neptune, and it's the only one you can't see at night.

There are seven continents (big parts of land, e.g. Africa, Europe), but the 2 is Asia.

You may know that the 3 mountain in the world is in the Himalayas, but did you know that in Europe, it's Mount Elbrus, in Russia, at 4,741 metres?

The Atacama Desert in Chile and Peru is the 4 place on the planet, where some parts have only 1–3 mm of rain a year.

The 5 city in the world is Mawsynram in India. It has over 11,000 mm of rain a year.

If you go to Australia, visit the Whitsunday Islands. Whitehaven beach is the best in the world, but is it the 6? Where is your favourite beach?

PRONUNCIATION

3 A 8.01 | -t in superlatives | Listen to the sentences. Write the missing words.

- It's the **most** place to visit.
- It's the **best** to see elephants.
- It's the **driest** on the planet.
- Neptune is the **furthest** from Earth.
- It's the **smallest**
- The **coldest** is January.

B 8.01 | Listen again. In which sentences can you hear the -t in bold? Listen again and repeat.

READING

- 4A**  Read the text. Select a picture to answer the question.

York is a city in the north of England. It has a lot of old buildings and is popular with tourists.

Which picture shows York?



- B** Read the article. Decide if these things are in York (Y) or outside York (O).

- 1 the Shambles
- 2 Scarborough castle
- 3 Rowntree Park
- 4 North York Moors
- 5 the beach
- 6 Betty's Café Tea Rooms

- C** Read the article again. Choose the correct options (a–c).

- 1 What can you see from the York City Walls?
a a castle b the city c the coast
- 2 Where are the Shambles?
a in the south of the city b in the north of the city
c in the middle of the city
- 3 How old are some of the buildings in the Shambles?
a almost 1,000 years old b over 1,000 years old
c almost 100 years old
- 4 How did they go around the North York Moors?
a on foot b by car c by bus
- 5 What activity does the writer NOT say you can do at Scarborough castle?
a see the castle b go for a walk c go swimming

Our holiday in York

My best friend Marta and I and just got back from a holiday in York, a town in the north of England. We visited our friends David and Leyla and had a wonderful time! Here's what we did.

Day 1

On the first day we went to the York City Walls. They are 3.4 km long and go around the old town. From the top you have great views of the streets and the centre. It's the best way to start a visit to the city! Then we rode bikes near the river in Rowntree Park, close to David and Leyla's house.

Day 2

Today we walked around the Shambles. It's a lovely street in the centre of York. Some of the buildings are 800 years old! The buildings are very pretty and there are some lovely little shops and cafés. For me, it's the nicest part of the city. In the afternoon we visited Betty's Café Tea Rooms and relaxed with a cup of English tea. We also tried some of the most delicious cakes in this city!

Day 4

We like walking, and so later in the week the four of us drove to the North York Moors. They're about 40 km north of York, and the views are wonderful. We walked for five hours, but it rained a lot. It was the wettest day of our holiday!



Day 5

On the last day of our holiday, Marta and I went to Scarborough castle. It's about two hours away by bus, and I can really recommend it. For me it's the most beautiful place in the area. The castle is on the coast, so after you visit, you can walk along the beach!

Phew! We had a great time, but now we're home I think we need another holiday just to relax!