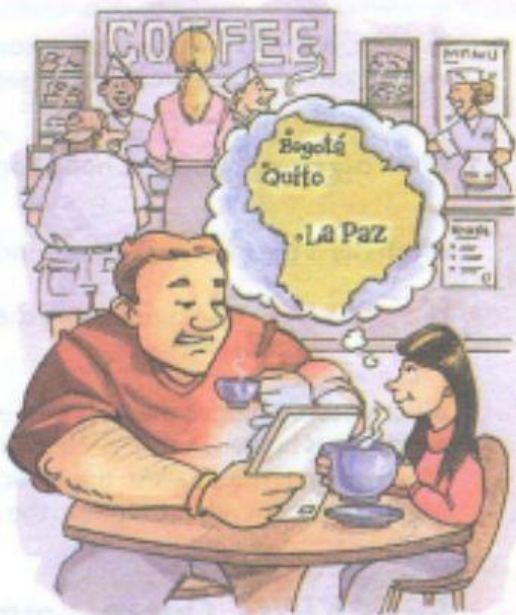## 2 | CONVERSATION *Which is larger?*

A ◉ Listen and practice.

Mike: Here's an interesting geography quiz.
Wendy: Oh, I love geography. Ask me the questions.
Mike: Sure, first question. Which country is larger, China or Canada?
Wendy: I know. Canada is larger than China.
Mike: OK, next. What's the longest river in the Americas?
Wendy: Hmm, I think it's the Mississippi.
Mike: Here's a hard one. Which country is more crowded, Monaco or Singapore?
Wendy: I'm not sure. I think Monaco is more crowded.
Mike: OK, one more. Which South American capital city is the highest: La Paz, Quito, or Bogotá?
Wendy: Oh, that's easy. Bogotá is the highest.

B ◉ Listen to the rest of the conversation. How many questions did Wendy get right?

3 | GRAMMAR FOCUS

Comparisons with adjectives ◉

Which country is **larger**, Canada or China?
  Canada is **larger than** China.

Which city has **the largest** population:
Tokyo, Mexico City, or São Paulo?
  Tokyo has **the largest** population of the three.

What is **the most beautiful** mountain in the world?
  I think Mount Fuji is **the most beautiful**.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
long	longer	the longest
dry	drier	the driest
big	bigger	the biggest
famous	more famous	the most famous
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst

A Complete questions 1 to 4 with comparatives and questions
5 to 8 with superlatives. Then ask and answer the questions.

1. Which country is _____ , Monaco or Vatican City? (small)
2. Which waterfall is _____ , Niagara Falls or Victoria Falls? (high)
3. Which city is _____ , Hong Kong or Cairo? (crowded)
4. Which lake is _____ , the Caspian Sea or Lake Superior? (large)
5. Which is _____ : Mount Aconcagua, Mount Everest, or Mount Fuji? (high)
6. What is _____ river in the world, the Mekong, the Nile, or the Amazon? (long)
7. Which city is _____ : London, Tokyo, or Moscow? (expensive)
8. What is _____ ocean in the world, the Pacific, the Atlantic, or the Arctic? (deep)