

# First impressions

## 1 GRAMMAR adverbs (manners and modifiers)

a Complete the sentences with an adverb.

- The French cook perfect meals.  
They cook perfectly.
- The Americans are careful drivers.  
They drive \_\_\_\_\_.
- The British are very polite.  
They speak very \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Brazilians are good at soccer.  
They play soccer \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Japanese are very hard workers.  
They work very \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Canadians eat healthy food.  
They eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Argentinians are beautiful dancers.  
They dance \_\_\_\_\_.

b Circle the correct word.

- My brother dresses **casual** / **casually**.
- Shoji cooks **real** / **really** well.
- It's **easy** / **easily** to ride a bike.
- They walked **quick** / **quickly** to the train station.
- He's very **quiet** / **quietly**. He never says anything!
- Elena's pizzas are **incredible** / **incredibly**.
- My French is very **bad** / **badly**.
- Can you speak more **slow** / **slowly**?
- Mark speaks English **good** / **well**.
- She eats **unhealthily** / **unhealthy**.
- They have **real** / **really** stressful jobs.



## 2 VOCABULARY common adverbs

Make adverbs from the adjectives and complete the sentences.

careful good easy hard healthy incredible perfect quiet

In the ideal city...

- ...car drivers drive carefully.
- ...workers work \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...families eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...people speak foreign languages \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...you can travel around \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...people talk \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...everybody treats tourists \_\_\_\_\_.
- ...everything is \_\_\_\_\_ cheap.

## 3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable in the adverbs. Which **three** adverbs are **not** stressed on the first syllable?

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 beau tifully | 4 dan ge rous ly | 7 per fect ly   |
| 2 care fully   | 5 fa shio na bly | 8 po lite ly    |
| 3 ca su ally   | 6 in cre di bly  | 9 un heal thily |

b Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the adverbs.

## 4 READING

a Read the text. Match the headings A-D to the paragraphs.

- A The Mexican way of life
- B Feeling at home abroad
- C My first impressions
- D Not what I expected

### First impressions of Mexico City

Christina Hornick, from the US, came to Mexico for the first time three years ago. She now lives in Mexico City where she is a teacher.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

You always remember your first impressions of a new country. When I first came to Mexico City, I didn't know much about Mexico at all. I didn't know anything about the **culture**. I didn't think the food was very different from American food, and I expected the weather to be similar to North Carolina in the US—maybe even warmer! But when I got there, I discovered how wrong I was.

2 \_\_\_\_\_

It was summer, and it was warm, but not hot. In fact, the temperature was about 70 degrees Fahrenheit. My first impression was that Mexico City was more beautiful than I expected. I spent a lot of time looking at the incredible **architecture**. The city was so colorful and had a wonderful **atmosphere**. I saw pink, yellow, and red houses. The trees were colorful too with pink and purple flowers.

3 \_\_\_\_\_

Mexican people are very friendly. A lot of Mexicans can speak a little English, and some speak it very well. I speak Spanish pretty well, but when I make a mistake, my Mexican friends don't mind. Mexican people are very **hospitable** and they love to **socialize**—get together, eat, dance, and play music. At parties, there is often a lot of delicious, homemade food to eat. And there is often very loud music which makes it hard to hear people!

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Mexico is a great place to live. It has everything—friendly people, great public transportation, and delicious food. In Mexico City, the summers are warm, and the winters are cool. It's great weather for long walks in the nearby canyons. Mexico has mountains, lakes, beaches, and rivers. It has many beautiful cities and a fascinating culture. I still love the US, but Mexico feels like home now.

b Complete the sentences with words in the box.

atmosphere	culture	socializing	fascinating
hospitality	architecture	expect	

- 1 Before she went to Mexico City, Christina didn't know much about Mexican \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2 She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ the city to be so beautiful.
  - 3 She was very impressed by the \_\_\_\_\_ in Mexico City.
  - 4 She liked the colors and the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.
  - 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Mexican people is warm and welcoming.
  - 6 Mexican people like \_\_\_\_\_ with their friends and family.
  - 7 Christina finds the Mexican culture \_\_\_\_\_.
- c Guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words. Check with your dictionary.

## 5 LISTENING

Listen to two people talking about where they live. Answer the questions.

### Speaker 1 Toronto, Canada

- 1 Where don't people usually go on the weekends?
- 2 How do people normally dress during the week?
- 3 Why is Toronto's nickname "Hollywood North?"

### Speaker 2 Reykjavik, Iceland

- 4 When do people go to swimming pools and hot tubs?
- 5 What are there very few of in the Icelandic countryside?
- 6 How many people are there...? in Reykjavik in the second-biggest city
- 7 What kind of things do Icelandic people make?

## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

a foreigner /'fɔːrənər/  
myth /mɪθ/  
subtitles /'sʌbtʌtltz/  
incredible /ɪn'kredəbl/  
incredibly /ɪn'kredəbli/  
dress (well) /'dres/  
a strong accent /ə strɒŋ 'æksənt/  
first impressions /fɜːst ɪm'preɪnz/  
get dark /get 'dɑːk/  
in general /ɪn 'dʒenərəl/  
lock (your) doors /lɒk 'dɔːz/