

## 7.1 TRAVEL PARTNERS

- G** comparatives
- P** word stress; sentence stress
- V** travel adjectives

What can you see in the pics?



Do you like travelling ? Where did you travel last time?

Match the adjectives below with their opposite

| A                                                                          | B                                                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hot<br>fast<br>crowded<br>expensive<br>comfortable<br>interesting<br>quiet | noisy<br>empty<br>boring<br>cheap<br>cold<br>uncomfortable<br>slow |

Describe the pics above with the adjectives.

## Do the quiz



**TRAVEL  
QUIZ**

Going on holiday this year?  
Do the quiz and find your  
perfect travel partner!

**1 I like travelling ...**  
a) by plane b) by train c) by car

**2 I like staying in ...**  
a) a hotel b) a self-catering apartment c) a tent

**3 I prefer ...**  
a) relaxing on a beach b) doing something sporty  
c) going sightseeing

**4 I like going on holiday ...**  
a) in spring b) in summer c) in winter

**5 When I'm on holiday I like eating ...**  
a) local dishes b) the food I usually eat c) fast food

**6 In the evenings I like ...**  
a) going for a walk b) going to a restaurant  
c) going to a nightclub

**7 My perfect holiday is ...**  
a) a weekend b) a week c) a month

**3 A**  **7.2** Listen to two people doing the quiz. Answer the questions.

- 1 How many of their answers are the same?
- 2 Are they good travel partners?

**C** Work in pairs and discuss. Is the man or the woman a good travel partner for you? Why/Why not?

Read the script:

**I = Interviewer   J = Jeff**

**I:** So Jeff. A few questions about the trip. What was the coldest place you visited?

**J:** The coldest place was in the mountains in Kyrgyzstan. There was lots of snow, too.

**I:** Really? And what was the hottest place?

**J:** Well, it was Turpan, China. I think it was over fifty degrees centigrade.

**I:** Ah, was it? And what was the friendliest place?

**J:** That's an impossible question. I can't say. We met so many fantastic people. I think Iran; the people there were so kind. Perhaps that was my biggest surprise.

**I:** OK. What was the longest you travelled in one day?

**J:** One day we travelled about a hundred and fifty kilometres in western China. That was a long day!

**I:** Very! So, what was the most beautiful building you saw?

**J:** There were some great ones in all of the countries but my favourite building was the Bibi-Khanym Mosque in Uzbekistan. I think it's the most beautiful building in the world.

**I:** Wow. So, what was the most amazing experience of the journey?

**J:** Arriving in Istanbul after twelve thousand kilometres. A-ma-a-a-zing!

Complete the sentences according to the script:

- 1 Planes are fast \_\_\_\_\_ trains.
- 2 Summer's hot \_\_\_\_\_ spring.
- 3 A hotel's \_\_\_\_\_ expensive \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment.



ENGLISH GRAMMAR

**COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES**



The dog is **faster** than the elephant.  
 The horse is **the fastest**.  
 The horse is **bigger** than the dog.  
 The elephant is **the heaviest**.  
 The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.



|                                                                     | ADJECTIVE           | COMPARATIVE                                                  | SUPERLATIVE                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>ONE syllable</b>                                                 | fast<br>young       | -ER<br>faster<br>younger                                     | -EST<br>the fastest<br>the youngest                                     |
| <b>ONE syllable<br/>Ending in -E</b>                                | nice<br>strange     | -R<br>nicer<br>stranger                                      | -ST<br>the nicest<br>the strangest                                      |
| <b>ONE syllable<br/>Consonant +<br/>Short Vowel +<br/>Consonant</b> | big<br>hot          | Double the last consonant and add<br>-ER<br>bigger<br>hotter | Double the last consonant and add<br>-EST<br>the biggest<br>the hottest |
| <b>TWO syllables<br/>Ending in -Y</b>                               | happy<br>crazy      | Remove the -Y and add<br>-IER<br>happier<br>crazier          | Remove the -Y and add<br>-IEST<br>the happiest<br>the craziest          |
| <b>TWO or MORE<br/>syllables</b>                                    | famous<br>beautiful | MORE +<br>more famous<br>more beautiful                      | THE MOST +<br>the most famous<br>the most beautiful                     |
| <b>Common<br/>Exceptions</b>                                        | good<br>bad         | better<br>worse                                              | the best<br>the worst                                                   |

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**C** Complete the table.

|                         | Adjective   | Comparative       | Rule                       |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| short<br>adjectives     | fast        | fast <u>er</u>    | Use adjective<br>+ - _____ |
| long<br>adjectives      | comfortable | _____ comfortable | Use _____ +<br>adjective   |
| irregular<br>adjectives | good/bad    | better/worse      |                            |

### superlatives

| adjective   | superlative           | rule                                               |
|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| cold        | the coldest           | the + adjective + -est                             |
| nice        | the nicest            | the + adjective + -st                              |
| friendly    | the friendliest       | the + adjective -y + -iest                         |
| big         | the biggest           | double the final consonant of the adjective + -est |
| boring      | the most boring       | the most + adjective                               |
| interesting | the most interesting  |                                                    |
| good        | the best              |                                                    |
| bad         | the worst             |                                                    |
| far         | the furthest/farthest |                                                    |

**A** Write comparative sentences. Use the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 shoes, trainers (comfortable) for travelling  
*Trainers are more comfortable than shoes for travelling.*
- 2 autumn, spring (romantic)
- 3 travelling by car, travelling by bus (bad) on a hot day
- 4 cafés, restaurants (cheap) in my city
- 5 an e-book, a book (good) on holiday
- 6 museums, art galleries (interesting)
- 7 city, beach (nice) for a day out
- 8 a cheap hotel, a good hotel (easy to find)

### SPEAKING

**A** Write notes about a good or bad holiday *you* went on. Think about the questions below and use the photos to help.

- Where and when did you go?
- Who did you go with?
- Where did you stay? Was it good?
- What did you do? Did you enjoy it?
- Where did you eat? Did you like the food?
- Was it hot?
- Did you like it more than your town/city? Why/Why not?



## 7.2 THE LONGEST BIKE RIDE

- G superlatives
- P weak form: *the*
- V places

### VOCABULARY

#### PLACES

**A** Work in pairs. Look at photos A–E. Which of the things in the box can you see?

a mountain a hill a river a lake  
a forest a village a market  
a famous building a desert



**The Silk Route Bike Tour:** is it the greatest journey in the world? The company calls it 'the longest, hardest, highest, hottest, coldest bicycle tour in the world'. In eighteen weeks you travel over 12,000 kilometres through seven different countries and have the most exciting ride of your life.

'A thousand years ago people went by camel and did about twenty-five kilometres a day,' says Nate Cavaliere, one of the Silk Route Tour staff. 'But on a bike you do twenty-five kilometres in an hour.' And along the way you see some of the most beautiful places in the world.

From Shanghai, you go across Asia, through Iran and arrive in Istanbul, Turkey, at the end. You travel across the deserts of China and cycle the Pamir Highway to over 4,600 metres, across the 'Roof of the World' in the mountains of Tajikistan. On the way there are villages, markets and ancient buildings.

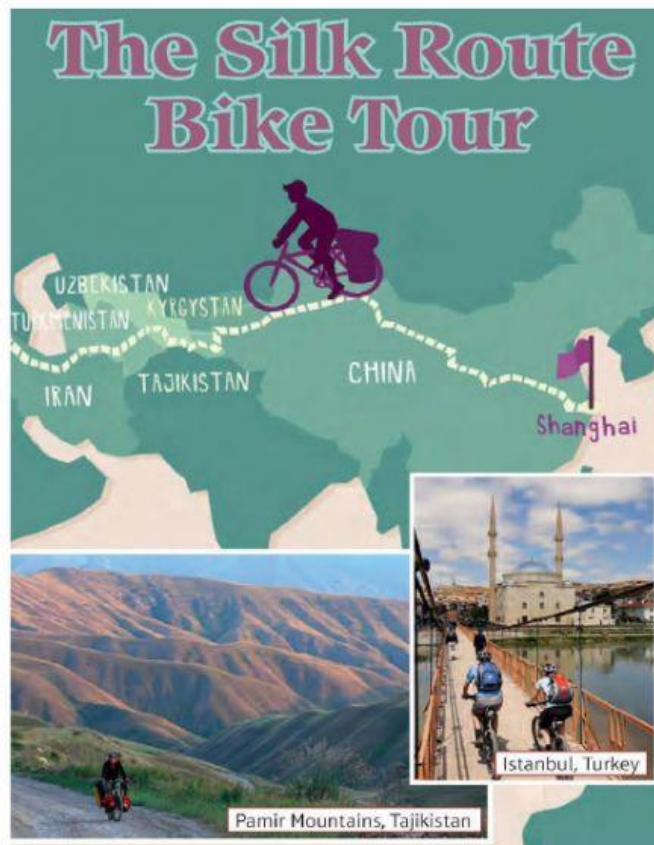
At night, you stay in ancient roadside hotels or in camps. A chef cooks dinner for about half of the 133 days; on other days cyclists can eat in local restaurants or shop in local markets for their food.

One cyclist blogged, 'The best thing was the friendliness of the people.' And the worst things? 'The snow and the cold in the Pamirs.'

So is it the greatest journey in the world? Cyclist and blogger Miles MacDonald thinks so. 'The Silk Route is a true expedition. It is long and difficult, but it's such an amazing experience that you arrive in Istanbul a completely changed person.'







Answer the questions:

- 1 What is the Silk Route Tour?
- 2 How many countries does it travel through?

**B** Work in pairs. What else would you like to know about the Silk Route Tour? Write three questions using the words in the box to help.

countries sleep people food bikes price

*Which countries does it visit?*

**B** Read the article again. Are sentences 1–6 true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 The Silk Route Tour travels through seven countries in eighty weeks.
- 2 A bicycle is faster than a camel.
- 3 The tour starts in Istanbul and ends in Shanghai.
- 4 Cyclists stay in hotels and camps.
- 5 They take turns cooking dinner every evening.
- 6 One cyclist thought the snow and the hills were the best things.

**Would you like to go on the Silk Route Tour? Why/Why not?**

## GRAMMAR

### SUPERLATIVES

**A** Complete the sentences with words from the article above.

- 1 Is it the \_\_\_\_\_ journey in the world?
- 2 You see some of the \_\_\_\_\_ places in the world.
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ thing was the friendliness of the people.

Complete

|                      | Adjective   | Superlative         | Rule                                  |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| short adjectives     | great       | <u>the greatest</u> | Use _____<br>+ adjective<br>+ - _____ |
| longer adjectives    | exciting    | _____               | Use _____<br>+ _____<br>+ adjective   |
| irregular adjectives | good<br>bad | _____<br>_____      |                                       |

**A** Make questions about the Silk Route Tour.

- 1 What / cold / place you visited?  
*What was the coldest place you visited?*
- 2 What / hot / place?
- 3 What / friendly / place?
- 4 What / far / distance you travelled in one day?
- 5 What / beautiful / building you saw?
- 6 What / amazing / experience of the journey?

**B** Match answers a)–f) with questions 1–6.

- a) 'It was Turpan, China.'  
'For me, the Gobi Desert: fifty degrees centigrade!'
- b) 'The Blue Mosque. I took 100 photos.'  
'The Bibi-Khanym Mosque.'
- c) 'Meeting locals everywhere.'  
'Arriving in Istanbul.'
- d) 'About 150 kilometres, in western China.'  
'I don't remember ... at least 100 kilometres.'
- e) 'The mountains in Kyrgyzstan.'  
'The desert at night. There was snow!'
- f) 'Iran; the people there were so kind.'  
'Everywhere, really.'

**C**  **7.5** Listen to a conversation with a Silk Route Tour cyclist. Underline the answers he gives in a)–f).