

# UNIT 4.

2 Look at the text about four cities below. According to each writer, what makes his/her city great?

## I ♥ MY CITY

With Melbourne topping the list of the best cities in the world to live, we celebrate cities everywhere, and invite you to share what you love about your city. #whatmakesyourcitygreat

**David**



What I love most about this city are the parks and green spaces. When you have a little free time, there's always an open space, urban park, or secret garden nearby where you can go to relax. One really interesting project, the High Line, is a 2.3 km. long park built on an elevated section of a former railway line. It's a wonderful pedestrian area and has fabulous views of the Hudson River, Manhattan, and the New York City skyline.

**Kiyomi**



The nightlife here is amazing. There are plenty of places to go and things to do in the evening, with thousands of cafés, restaurants, and nightclubs. But what I like best about Tokyo are the unusual places to eat out. Last week, I had dinner at the seafood restaurant Zauo, where the tables are on a boat and you catch your own fish from the aquarium, which the chefs then cook for you. It was lots of fun!

**Klaus**



In most big cities, there aren't enough roads that are safe for bicycling. But here in Copenhagen, there are over 400 km. of bike paths, so you can ride everywhere with no danger, avoiding traffic jams and staying in shape at the same time. There aren't many people who regularly use a car here – in fact, most people go to work or school by bike or on foot. Some use the Cycle Snake, an elevated bike path over the harbor. It was built especially for bicyclists, and the views from it are spectacular!

**Lola**



New Orleans sure has rhythm! You hear live music on almost every street: there's always a jazz band playing, or a few musicians jamming together in a café or on a street corner. My favorite time of year is Mardi Gras – the famous carnival celebration with music and colorful parades. Some people complain that there are too many tourists here at Mardi Gras, but I think everyone should be able to see the greatest free show on Earth!

3 Match the words in each box to make compound nouns. Check your answers in the text.

bike traffic pedestrian night

area life jam path

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

9 4.4 Choose the correct quantifiers to complete the text. Listen and check.

not enough a few a little plenty of too too many



## Melbourne number 1, again!

Melbourne has come first again in the list of the best places to live. Only <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ cities like Zurich and Vancouver have come first more than once, but Melbourne has won it for the fifth consecutive year! It's such an interesting and vibrant city, with <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ things to do. The climate is great – it's never <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ hot or cold, which makes it perfect for strolling around the harbor or the pedestrian areas downtown and admiring the colorful street art. If you like <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ culture, spend a day exploring the city's museums, art galleries, and the Arts Centre, which looks like the Eiffel Tower! Getting around is easy, too, but with more than a million people driving into the city every day, there are <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ traffic jams and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ parking spaces. Taking the streetcar is easy and convenient, though.



## 10 Discuss what you think of the following things in your city in pairs.



**A** *In my opinion, there aren't enough pedestrian areas here.*

**B** *You're right. There's too much traffic, so we need more pedestrian areas.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 A** What kinds of accommodations is the website advertising? What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a website like this?

**B** Look at three places to stay in New York. Which one do you prefer? Why?

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| <b>Studio apartment near Central Park</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Houseboat for rent</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Artist's house in Harlem</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <p><b>Modern, stylish</b> studio apartment, 30 sq. m, with double bed, bathroom, and kitchen. TV, WiFi, and air conditioning.</p> <p><b>Good location:</b> a short distance from the Museum of Modern Art and Times Square. \$175 per night</p> | <p><b>Cozy</b> houseboat with sofa bed. Kitchen with fridge and microwave. Shower room. Amazing views of the Empire State Building and Manhattan skyscrapers.</p> <p><b>Location:</b> New Jersey; short walk to Manhattan ferry. \$95 per night</p> | <p>Two comfortable, <b>bright</b> and <b>spacious</b> double rooms in our beautiful Victorian house. Full breakfast provided. Eat with other guests and your friendly hosts. Fashionable neighborhood. Close to subway station. \$140 per night</p> |

## 2 Match the definitions with the highlighted words in the text.

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|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 very light _____  | 3 not old _____              | 5 big _____ |
| 2 fashionable _____ | 4 warm and comfortable _____ |             |

## 4 **A** 4.12 Listen to Jon and Louise deciding where to stay in New York. Choose the correct advantage and disadvantage they mention for each place.

| accommodation    | advantages                                 | disadvantages                            |
|------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| studio apartment | <sup>1</sup> modern / convenient           | <sup>2</sup> too expensive / too small   |
| houseboat        | <sup>3</sup> cheap / cozy                  | <sup>4</sup> uncomfortable bed / basic   |
| artist's house   | <sup>5</sup> fashionable area / convenient | <sup>6</sup> expensive / shared bathroom |

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|---------------------|--|--|
| 1. STUDIO APARTMENT |  |  |
| 2. HOUSEBOAT        |  |  |
| 3. ARTIST'S HOUSE   |  |  |

**5 A**  4.13 In pairs, complete the sentences from the conversation with the adjectives in the box. Listen and check.

expensive big fashionable convenient comfortable cheaper

- 1 It's *by far* the most \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Well, it's as \_\_\_\_\_ as our old apartment.
- 3 It's *far* \_\_\_\_\_ than the other two places.
- 4 We don't need to stay in one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ areas in New York.
- 5 A sofa bed isn't as \_\_\_\_\_ as a normal bed, is it?
- 6 It's *slightly* less \_\_\_\_\_ than the studio apartment.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

**9** In pairs, ask and answer questions with the words in the chart.

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| Who<br>What<br>Which | is/are<br>was/were | the best<br>the most beautiful<br>the funniest<br>the most exciting<br>the tastiest<br>the most stressful<br>the most expensive<br>the scariest<br>the most interesting | meal<br>city<br>movie<br>shoes<br>person<br>country<br>vacation<br>day<br>book<br>team | in the world? |                                                                                       |
|                      |                    |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                        | you've ever   | been on?<br>met?<br>visited?<br>eaten?<br>had?<br>read?<br>bought?<br>seen?<br>known? |

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_