

# Superlative cities

## 1 GRAMMAR superlatives (+ ever + present perfect)

a Complete the sentences with the superlative of an adjective from the box.

bad	exciting	far	friendly
good	safe	ugly	wet

- 1 The traffic is awful in the middle of the city. The best way to travel around is by the subway.
- 2 It rains a lot here in the spring. The \_\_\_\_\_ month is April.
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever driven is from Boston to Chicago. It took me 16 hours.
- 4 It was the \_\_\_\_\_ hotel I've ever stayed in. The service was awful, so we only spent one night there.
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ buildings are in the new part of the city. They really aren't nice to look at.
- 6 The streets are very dangerous at night. The \_\_\_\_\_ place to be is in the hotel.
- 7 The \_\_\_\_\_ part of our tour was in Rio de Janeiro. We saw the first day of the carnival.
- 8 The \_\_\_\_\_ city I've ever visited is Vancouver. I found the people very helpful.

b Circle the correct word or phrase.

- 1 That hotel has the dirtier / **dirtiest** rooms I have ever seen.
- 2 It's the most interesting / more interesting museum in Miami.
- 3 This is the more expensive / most expensive souvenir I've ever bought.
- 4 That restaurant serves the better / best pasta we've ever eaten.
- 5 The summer is the busiest / busiest time of year.

c Write sentences with ever.

- 1 He / rude waiter / I / meet  
He's the rudest waiter I've ever met
- 2 That / fast car / I / drive  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 It / beautiful building / we / see  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 That / healthy meal / he / eat  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 It / good photograph / you / take  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 This / exciting sport / I / play  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 That / bad flight / we / have  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 This / interesting city / I / visit  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 2 VOCABULARY describing a town or city

a Complete the description of Santa Barbara.



Santa Barbara is a city about 90 miles <sup>1</sup>north of Los Angeles, California on the <sup>2</sup>c\_\_\_\_\_ of the Pacific Ocean. It is <sup>3</sup>w\_\_\_\_\_ of the Santa Ynez Mountains. It has a <sup>4</sup>p\_\_\_\_\_ of about 88,000 people and is <sup>5</sup>f\_\_\_\_\_ as an ocean-side resort.

b Complete the sentences with the opposite of the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 Some of the buildings in the city are very *modern*. (old)
- 2 Los Angeles is a very p\_\_\_\_\_ city – there are so many cars. (clean)
- 3 New York City is a very s\_\_\_\_\_ city these days. (dangerous)
- 4 Mumbai is an extremely n\_\_\_\_\_ city. (quiet)
- 5 Where's the most b\_\_\_\_\_ place you've ever been to? (interesting)
- 6 The subway in Tokyo is very c\_\_\_\_\_. (empty)

c Circle the different word.

1	cathedral	church	shopping mall
2	mosque	temple	town hall
3	market	castle	department store
4	statue	palace	museum

### 3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

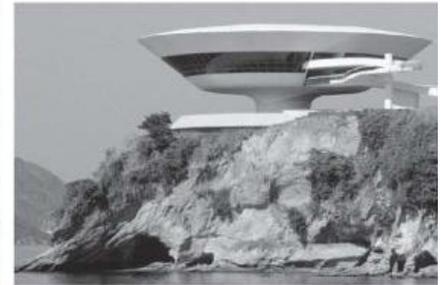
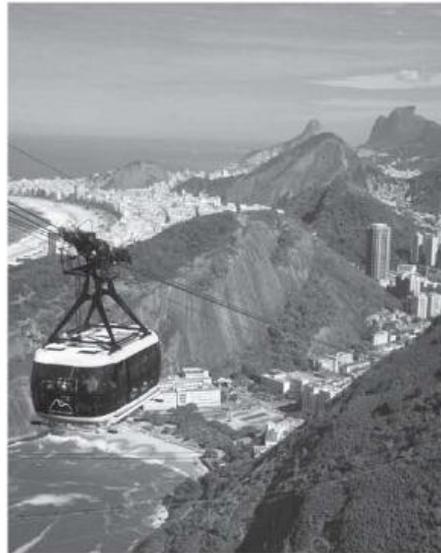
a **iChecker** Listen and underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 beautiful
- 2 crowded
- 3 dirty
- 4 exciting
- 5 frightening
- 6 generous
- 7 interesting
- 8 polluted
- 9 romantic

### 4 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to a radio travel program about Brazil. Check (✓) the places that are mentioned in the program.

- |            |                                     |                  |                          |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Búzios   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 4 Rio de Janeiro | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Salvador | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 5 São Paulo      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Brasília | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 6 Recife         | <input type="checkbox"/> |



b **iChecker** Listen again and answer T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Salvador is an old city. T
- 2 Eight million people live in Rio de Janeiro. —
- 3 The churches in Rio de Janeiro are all very new. —
- 4 You can take a bus to visit the peninsula. —
- 5 The best time to visit is December to March. —

#### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- architecture /'ɑ:kətɛktʃər/
- culture /'kʌltʃər/
- inhabitants /ɪn'hæbətənts/
- without /wɪ'ðaʊt/
- nightlife /'naɪtlaɪf/
- several /'sevrəl/
- foreign /'fɔ:rən/
- romantic /rəʊ'mæntɪk/
- rude /ru:d/
- pretend (to do something) /prɪ'tend/