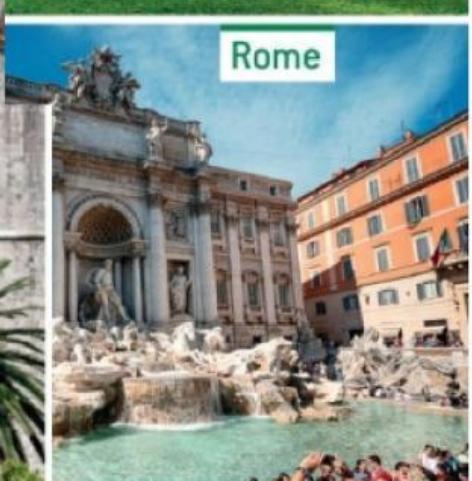
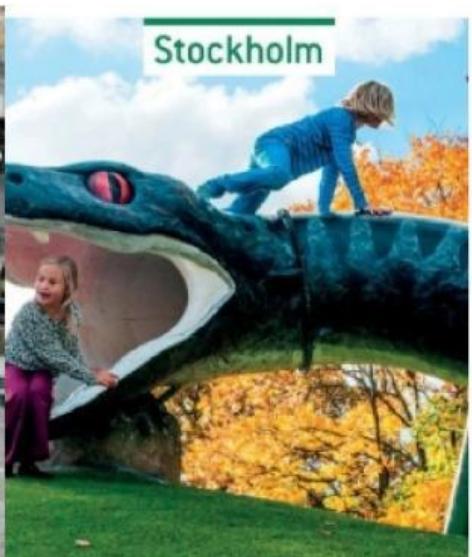


## GRAMMAR superlatives

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TripAdvisor World Cities Survey is based on responses from over 54,000 travellers' reviews for cities around the world. The survey looked at different categories, from how clean the cities were to how friendly the taxi drivers were.

#### OVERALL WINNER<sup>1</sup>

It came first in five of the categories, with the cleanest streets and the best public transport.

#### OTHER CATEGORY WINNERS:

The easiest to get around <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The best value for money <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The friendliest taxi drivers <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The most exciting nightlife <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The most family-friendly <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The best attractions <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Adapted from a website

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

- Look at the photos. Which countries are the cities in? What do you know about them? Have you been to any of them?
- The seven cities in a all did very well in a recent survey. With a partner, try to guess which cities were the winners in the different categories. Use the photos to help you.
- Look at the categories in the survey. Think about your city. Would it do well in any of them?
- Look at the highlighted superlative adjectives in the survey. How do you make the superlative of...?
  - a one-syllable adjective
  - a two-syllable adjective that ends in consonant + y
  - a three-syllable adjective
  - good

## 5B superlatives

1 Tokyo is **the cleanest** capital city in the world.

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Spain is one of **the most popular** holiday destinations.

Camping is **the least expensive** way to go on holiday.

2 It's **the most beautiful** city I've ever been to.

It's **the best** film I've seen this year.

1 We use **the + superlative** adjectives to say which is the biggest, etc. in a group.

- After superlatives we use **in** + names of places or singular words for groups of people, e.g.

*It's the noisiest city **in** the world. Ann's the oldest **in** the class.*

- We can also use **the least + adjective**, e.g. **the least expensive** OR **the cheapest**.

2 We often use **the + superlative** with the present perfect + ever.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cold	colder	<b>the coldest</b>
thin	thinner	<b>the thinnest</b>
healthy	healthier	<b>the healthiest</b>
beautiful	<b>more</b> beautiful	<b>the most</b> beautiful
good	better	<b>the best</b>
bad	worse	<b>the worst</b>
far	further	<b>the furthest</b> (also <b>the farthest</b> )

a Complete the sentences with a superlative.

Is Shanghai the biggest city in the world? (big)

- 1 The Polish are \_\_\_\_\_ people I've ever met. (generous)
- 2 Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ day of the year. (hot)
- 3 Early morning is \_\_\_\_\_ time to drive in the city centre. (bad)
- 4 She's \_\_\_\_\_ girl at school. (friendly)
- 5 This is \_\_\_\_\_ part of the exam. (important)
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ time to visit New England is autumn. (good)
- 7 Delhi in India is one of \_\_\_\_\_ cities in the world. (polluted)
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever flown is to Bali. (far)
- 9 It was \_\_\_\_\_ film I've ever seen. (funny)
- 10 Rob's daughters are all pretty, but I think Emily is \_\_\_\_\_. (pretty)

b. Write sentences with a superlative + ever + the present perfect  
it / good film / I / see

*It's the best film I've ever seen.*

1. It / windy place / I / be to
2. She / unfriendly person / I / meet
3. It / easy exam / we / do
4. They / expensive trousers / I / buy
5. This / long book / I / read
6. He / attractive man / I / see
7. It / bad meal / I / eat
8. He / interesting teacher / we / have