5B Superlative cities?

G superlatives (+ *ever* + present perfect)
V describing a town or city
P sentence stress

What's the most beautiful beach you've ever been to? *Isla Cristina in Andalucia in Spain.*

1 VOCABULARY describing a town or city



a Video Watch a short documentary about Valencia, in Spain. What place in the city did you like best? Would you like to go there?

b Circle the correct words or phrases in the text. Then watch again and check.

Valencia is a city on the [1]east / west coast of Spain. It is about 350 kilometres [2]north / south of Barcelona. It is a [3]small / medium-sized / large city, with a population of 837,000. It is famous for its [4]beaches / parks, and also for its historic buildings, like the [5]cathedral / opera house, and for its modern buildings, such as the [6]central market / science museum.

c V **Vocabulary Bank** Describing a town or city *p.164*

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

a Look at the photos of seven cities in a TripAdvisor survey. Which countries are they in? What do you know about them? Have you been to any of them?

b Now read the survey. With a partner, try to guess which cities in **a** were the winners in the different categories. Use the photos to help you.

c Think about your city. Would it do well in any of the categories?

d Look at the highlighted superlative adjectives in the survey. How do you make the superlative of...?

1 a one-syllable adjective
2 a two-syllable adjective that ends in consonant + *-y*
3 a three-syllable adjective
4 *good*

e G **Grammar Bank** 5B *p.142*

f Video Watch the video. Make a superlative sentence using the adjective or adverb in capitals. Make a comparative sentence for the other two.

The Pan-American Highway is the longest. Highway 1 Australia is longer than the Trans-Siberian Highway.





TripAdvisor World Cities Survey

This survey is based on responses from over 54,000 travellers' reviews for cities around the world. They looked at 16 different categories, from how clean the cities were to how friendly the taxi drivers were.

Overall winner [1] _____
It came first in five of the 16 categories, with the cleanest streets and the best public transport, and second in two.

Other category winners

The easiest to get around [2] _____
The best value for money [3] _____
The friendliest taxi drivers [4] _____
The most exciting nightlife [5] _____
The most family-friendly [6] _____
The best attractions [7] _____





3 LISTENING

a Do you think in general big cities are more or less friendly than smaller ones? Why? Is there a city in your country that people think is the most unfriendly?

b Look at photos A–C of London life and read the short text. In what way are the people behaving in an unfriendly way?

c You're going to listen to a podcast about how to make London more friendly. Look at headings 1–6. Guess which word from the list completes them, but don't write the words in yet.

Car drivers Tourists Commuters
Residents Cyclists Local people

1 _____ on the Underground, be understanding of other people.
2 _____, if a tourist asks you for directions, be patient.
3 _____, try to relax.
4 _____, please stop riding on the pavement.
5 _____, talk to your neighbours.
6 _____, think about the people who live and work here.

d 5.13 Now listen to the podcast and complete headings 1–6. Did you guess right in **c**?

e Listen again for more details. Answer the questions.

1 What is the rule for using escalators on the Tube?
2 Why should Londoners feel lucky when tourists ask for directions?
3 How does honking your horn make people feel?
4 What other example do you hear of cyclists behaving badly?
5 When did some Londoners start chatting to strangers?
6 What three things do tourists sometimes do which can make it hard for Londoners to get around?

f 5.14 Listen to six definitions for words or phrases from the podcast connected to cities. Write the words.

g Think about your capital city or the nearest big city to where you live. Do you think any of the tips would be useful to make it more friendly?

How to make a city more friendly... yes, it really is possible!

In a survey about friendly cities in the UK, the least friendly city was...London. This news won't surprise anyone! So what can we do to make London, and probably many other big cities, a bit more friendly? Well, we could all try a bit harder to be nice, obviously!



4 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING sentence stress

a 5.15 Listen and complete the questions with a superlative adjective.

1 What's the *most beautiful* city you've ever been to?
2 What's the _____ holiday you've ever had?
3 What's the _____ film you've ever seen?
4 What's the _____ sporting event you've ever watched?
5 What's the _____ thing you've ever bought?
6 Who's the _____ person you've ever met?
7 What's the _____ sport you've ever done?
8 What's the _____ subject you've ever studied?

b Listen again and repeat the questions. Copy the rhythm.

c Work with a partner. **A** answer question 1 with a sentence. **B** ask for more information. Swap roles for question 2, etc.

The most beautiful city I've ever been to is Rio de Janeiro. *When did you go there?*

5 WRITING describing your town or city

W **Writing Bank** 5 *p.119* Write a description of the place where you live.