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# My town



## VOCABULARY

### Places in a town

➔ STUDENT'S BOOK p37

#### 1 ☆☆☆ Choose the correct option.

- In my city, there's a statue in the town ...  
A square    B bridge    C car park
- Do you watch football at the ... near your house?  
A shop    B market    C stadium
- My brother sometimes buys clothes at the ...  
A park    B shopping centre    C bridge
- We walk over a ... when we go to school.  
A bridge    B statue    C museum
- Is there a new film at the ... this weekend?  
A station    B sports centre    C cinema
- The food in that Japanese ... is very good.  
A park    B restaurant    C square
- My dad works in the ... . He's a nurse.  
A shop    B stadium    C hospital

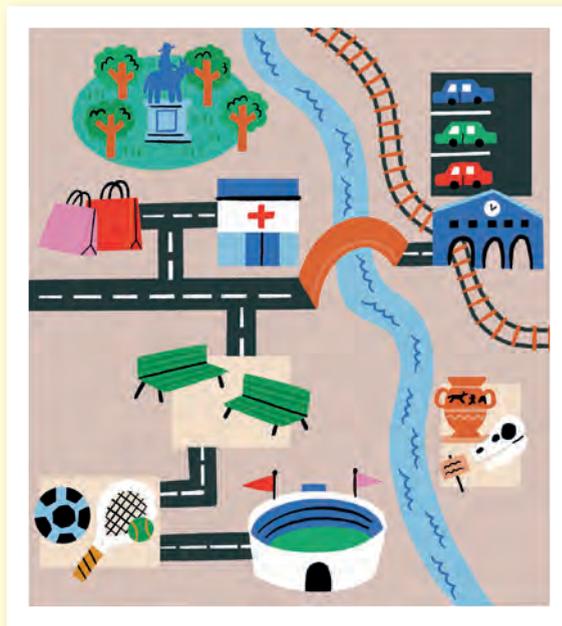
#### 2 ☆☆☆ Look at the picture. Complete the sentences with words from exercise 1.

- The park is behind the hospital.
- The new \_\_\_\_\_ is next to the hospital.
- There's a big \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
- The front of the station is opposite the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Behind the station there's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ over the river is next to the station.
- There's a \_\_\_\_\_ next to the sports centre.
- The town \_\_\_\_\_ is near the sports centre and the stadium.

#### 3 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with places in a town and your own ideas.

### Favourite places in town

- When it's hot  
*I usually go to the park with my friends.*
- When I want to study  
.....
- When it rains  
.....
- On my birthday  
.....
- When my best friend is bored  
.....
- When my friends want to buy something  
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# An unusual town



Whittier is a small town in Alaska, USA. It's popular with tourists in summer. They walk in the mountains and go **fishing**. Many people know Whittier because it's called 'a town under one roof'. Why?

Whittier has a population of 260, and almost everyone lives in the same building, Begich Towers. It's got 14 **floors** and 196 flats. It's an old **military** building, but today it's a home to the whole **community**. It's got everything that people need – a shop, a **post office**, a doctor's and a gym. The school is next to Begich Towers, and there's a **tunnel** between both buildings. On cold winter days children and teachers use the tunnel to get to school.

Whittier is a special town because everyone knows and helps their neighbours. Would you like to live there?

@ Sam It's great! All your friends live near you. You can spend a lot of time together. When you have a problem, your neighbours always help you.



@ Elena No, it's not for me! I like my garden and riding a bike in the park. I love going to new places.



1 ☆☆☆ Look at the picture. Choose an ending for the sentence.

I think this building is interesting because **it's very big / a lot of people live there / it's got great views.**

2 ☆☆☆ Read the article quickly. Choose the best ending of the sentence.

Whittier is an unusual town because ...

- A it's the only town in Alaska.
- B people from Whittier are good neighbours.
- C most people live in the same place.

3 ☆☆☆ Match the words in bold in the text to definitions a–f.

- a a long road under the ground tunnel
- b a group of people; they live in the same area
- c a sport; you catch fish
- d one level in a building
- e you go to this place to send letters
- f connected to soldiers

4 ☆☆☆ Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 T There are a lot of tourists in Whittier in winter.
- 2 ..... There are around 196 people in Whittier.
- 3 ..... Begich Towers is a home to everyone in Whittier.
- 4 ..... People do their shopping in Begich Towers.
- 5 ..... Students from Whittier live and study in one building.
- 6 ..... Sam likes Begich Towers because he would like to live close to his friends.
- 7 ..... Elena wants to live in the Begich Towers.

5 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with information from the article. Write two to five words.

- 1 Tourists come to Whittier because they want to walk in the mountains and go fishing.
- 2 Now, Begich Towers is a home to many people, but it's an old .....
- 3 Whittier is called a 'town ..... ' because there are flats, a shop and a post office in the same building.
- 4 There are 260 people .....
- 5 There's a tunnel between .....
- 6 Elena likes spending time outside, for example she enjoys ..... in the park.

6 ☆☆☆ Answer the questions.

1 Would you like to live in Begich Towers? Why / Why not?

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# GRAMMAR

## Comparative adjectives

➔ STUDENT'S BOOK p39

### 1 ★★★ Write the comparative adjectives.

- 1 young younger      5 thin .....
- 2 difficult .....      6 long .....
- 3 happy .....      7 famous .....
- 4 important .....      8 far .....

### 2 ★★★ Complete the restaurant review. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

# THE BURGER HOUSE

## — review



Do you remember The Burger House restaurant in East Street? It's open again in a new building in the town square. I'm here and ready to try it!

The new building is really impressive because it's so big. The restaurant is <sup>1</sup> more popular (popular) than before, but it's <sup>2</sup> ..... (easy) to find a table because the rooms are very large. The service is <sup>3</sup> ..... (friendly) too.

The food is excellent. The burgers are <sup>4</sup> ..... (small) than in the old restaurant, and they're <sup>5</sup> ..... (expensive) too, but they're amazing! And the menu is <sup>6</sup> ..... (good). It's <sup>7</sup> ..... (big) and <sup>8</sup> ..... (interesting), with food from around the world.

I give it five stars! \*\*\*\*\*



### 3 ★★★ Complete each sentence so it means the same as the first sentence. Use the comparative form of the adjective in brackets and *than*.

- 1 The sports centre is smaller than the football stadium.  
The football stadium is larger than the sports centre. (large)

- 2 Buses are slower than trains.  
Trains are ..... buses. (fast)
- 3 The statue is older than the museum.  
The museum is ..... the statue. (new)
- 4 Berlin is colder than Madrid.  
Madrid is ..... Berlin. (hot)
- 5 This restaurant is better than that café.  
That café is ..... this restaurant. (bad)
- 6 Markets are cheaper than shopping centres.  
Shopping centres are ..... markets. (expensive)
- 7 The park is nearer than the town square.  
The town square is ..... the park. (far)
- 8 Cold weather is worse than hot weather.  
Hot weather is ..... cold weather. (good)

### 4 ★★★ Write comparative sentences that are true for you. Use some of the words in the box.

bad big cheap expensive far friendly  
good historic interesting impressive near  
old popular small

- 1 my town or city / New York  
My city is smaller and more historic than New York.
- 2 my local museum / the Louvre  
.....
- 3 online clothes shops / local clothes shops  
.....
- 4 my local stadium / Camp Nou stadium  
.....
- 5 the library at my school / the town library  
.....
- 6 the people in my town / the people in cities  
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# VOCABULARY AND LISTENING

## Adjectives to describe places

➔ STUDENT'S BOOK p40

- 1 ☆☆☆ Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

bright dangerous dirty dry modern  
quiet wet

- The streets are wet when it rains.
- I like studying in the library, because it's a very \_\_\_\_\_ place.
- My bedroom is \_\_\_\_\_ because it's got a big window.
- The Sahara Desert is hot and \_\_\_\_\_. It doesn't rain there very often.
- Tokyo is a very \_\_\_\_\_ city with a lot of new and tall buildings.
- Don't cross the road here! It's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please, wash your hands. They're \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2 ☆☆☆  05 Listen to Reece talking about his holiday. Tick (✓) the adjectives he uses.

beautiful       quiet       bright  
 safe       noisy       exciting

- 3 ☆☆☆  05 Listen again and choose the correct answers.

- Reece is on holiday in a beautiful town in ...  
 A Wales       B France       C Italy
- Tenby is ... in the summer.  
 A quiet       B dangerous       C busy
- The buildings in Tenby are ...  
 A old       B modern       C tall
- Reece's favourite thing about Tenby is ...  
 A the modern buildings       C the clean beaches  
 B the colourful houses
- Reece likes Tenby because the town is ...  
 A old and exciting       C safe and modern  
 B clean and safe
- Tenby is often ...  
 A dry       B boring       C wet

- 4 ☆☆☆ Look at the photo. Choose the words that you think describe the place.

beautiful boring busy  
cheap to visit crowded  
famous great for photos  
popular quiet small



- 5 ☆☆☆  06 Listen to a dialogue between Asha and Jamie. Tick (✓) the questions that Jamie answers.

- What is in the photo?  
 Where is it?  
 When is it open?  
 How many people visit it?  
 What can you see in this place?

- 6 ☆☆☆  06 Listen again. Match the beginnings and the endings of the sentences. There is one ending that you don't need to use.

- 1 f Asha thinks the Eiffel Tower is ...  
 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Tobu World Square is ...  
 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Nikko is ...  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ There are 120 ...  
 5 \_\_\_\_\_ You can see five ...  
 6 \_\_\_\_\_ There are 140,000 ...  
 a a quiet Japanese city.  
 b small people next to the buildings.  
 c tourist attractions from all over the world.  
 d a park with very small and famous buildings.  
 e trees in Tobu World Square.  
~~f more beautiful than other buildings in the world.~~  
 g Spanish buildings in Tobu World Square.

- 7 ☆☆☆  06 Listen again. Write three reasons why it is better to visit Tobu World Square than the original buildings.

Tobu World Square is better because ...

.....  
 .....  
 .....  
 .....  
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# GRAMMAR

## Superlative adjectives

➔ STUDENT'S BOOK p41

- 1 ☆☆☆ Complete the table with the opposite superlative adjectives from the box. Add *the*.

cheapest dirtiest farthest most dangerous  
most interesting oldest worst

the most expensive	1 <i>the cheapest</i>
the most boring	2 .....
the youngest	3 .....
the best	4 .....
the safest	5 .....
the nearest	6 .....
the cleanest	7 .....

- 2 ☆☆☆ Complete the dialogues with the superlative form of the adjectives in bold.

- A That sport on TV looks really **dangerous**!

B It's one of *the most dangerous* sports in the world.
- A It's a very **hot** day!

B Is it ..... day of the summer?  
What do you think?
- A Those buildings are really **colourful**.

B Yes, I think they're ..... buildings in the city.
- A The parks in our town are **clean**.

B I agree. They're some of ..... parks in the country.
- A This tourist attraction is very **popular**.

B It's ..... tourist attraction in this city.
- A The park is **noisy**.

B Yes, it's ..... place in town.
- A That picture is really **bad**!

B I think it's ..... picture in the museum.
- A This beach is so **beautiful**!

B I think it's ..... beach in the world!

- 3 ☆☆☆ Look at the information about the tourist attractions. Write superlative sentences.

Place	How much?	How old?	How noisy?
<b>the castle</b>	€12	800 years	*
<b>the stadium</b>	€8	five years	**
<b>the theme park</b>	€40	20 years	***

- (cheap) *The stadium is the cheapest.* .....
- (expensive) .....
- (old) .....
- (modern) .....
- (quiet) .....
- (noisy) .....

- 4 ☆☆☆ Read the message from your friend. Write a reply. Use the superlative form of some of the adjectives, and the places to help you.

beautiful big cheap exciting famous  
large impressive interesting modern  
nice old quiet

café castle cinema ice cream shop park  
market museum shopping centre stadium  
supermarket

**Morgan** Hi there! I'm really excited about coming to your town with my school. Tell me about the best places and things to do!

Hey Morgan. Here are some of the best things and places in my town!

- The nicest place in the park is the café.* .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

# WRITING WORKSHOP

## A description of a place → STUDENT'S BOOK p44

### Phoenix Park

Phoenix Park is in the west of Dublin, about a 20-minute walk from the city centre. It's one of the biggest parks in Europe.

It's more impressive than the other parks because there are a lot of things to do. There's a large zoo, two popular cafés and a regular food market. You can do different sports like cycling, running, football and hurling – an exciting Irish sport.

The best time to go is in the summer. It's busier than in the winter but it's never crowded. I like the zoo in July and August when the animals are outside.

Gemma Sullivan



### WRITING HELP

Read the tips. Find the examples in the text. Use the colours to help you.

- Use superlatives to compare three or more things.
- Use comparatives to compare two things or groups of things.
- Use *is / are* with adjectives to describe things.

### PREPARE

- 1 Read Gemma's online article for a visitor guide to her home town. Match 1–3 to a–c.

- |                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 ..... Paragraph 1 | a activities for visitors        |
| 2 ..... Paragraph 2 | b when it's good to visit        |
| 3 ..... Paragraph 3 | c introduction with general fact |



### WRITING HACK! Capital letters

- 2 Choose the correct option.

- We** / we often study in the school **Library** / library on **Fridays** / **fridays**.
- The** / **the** sports centre is my favourite place and I / i often go there in **Winter** / **winter**.
- Our friend **Anna** / **anna** is in **Portugal** / **portugal** for two **Weeks** / **weeks**.
- Do** / **do** you ever watch **English** / **english** films at the **Cinema** / **cinema** in town?
- My **Sister's** / **sister's** birthday is in **October** / **october**.
- One of the most **Famous** / **famous** places in **London** / **london** is **Buckingham Palace** / **buckingham palace**.

- 3 Write the text again. Use capital letters where necessary.

<sup>1</sup>there are good food markets in dublin. <sup>2</sup>my favourite market is in a part of the city called howth. <sup>3</sup>i often go there on sunday mornings with my friends musa and eva. <sup>4</sup>we love the stall with spanish food!

1 There are good food markets in Dublin.

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

- 4 Answer the questions with your own ideas. Use capital letters where necessary.

1 What is your favourite place?

It's the Sagrada Familia.

2 What do you like about this place?

.....

3 When do you go there?

.....

4 Describe the place using adjectives.

.....

5 What can you do there?

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- Exam preparation**
- Exercise 1: Key for Schools Reading Part 4
  - Exercise 2: Key for Schools Reading Part 5
  - Exercise 3: Key for Schools Reading Part 5

1 For each question, choose the correct answer.



## The best cities to visit in EUROPE



### Graz, Austria

Graz is the second-largest city in Austria. With its impressive <sup>1</sup> attractions and historic architecture, it's a good place for people to visit.

**Most interesting area:** The most popular place for tourists is the <sup>2</sup> old town. Visitors love sitting in the big square here with its <sup>3</sup> of famous people and great <sup>4</sup>.

**Best place to learn about the city:** Near the river in the old town, there is the amazing Graz <sup>5</sup>. Learn all about the history of the city here.

**Where to get food:** There are a lot of <sup>6</sup> markets in Graz with nice things to buy. You can get local food and eat it in one of the beautiful <sup>7</sup> or squares of the city.

<sup>8</sup> **fact:** Graz has two UNESCO World Heritage Sites – the old town and the castle!

- |                 |             |              |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1 A tourist     | B visit     | C country    |
| 2 A ugly        | B boring    | C beautiful  |
| 3 A bridges     | B statues   | C stadiums   |
| 4 A theme parks | B schools   | C cafés      |
| 5 A Museum      | B Hospital  | C Restaurant |
| 6 A dangerous   | B busy      | C boring     |
| 7 A rivers      | B car parks | C parks      |
| 8 A Amazing     | B Noisy     | C Safe       |

2 For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.



## Do you live in an AMAZING PLACE?

I live on the island of Tabarca near Alicante in Spain. Tabarca is very small – in fact, it's the <sup>1</sup> island with homes on it in the Mediterranean. The population is <sup>2</sup> than many other islands, with only 51 people.

Perhaps other places are <sup>3</sup> exciting and busier <sup>4</sup> Tabarca, but I love it here. There are some of the <sup>5</sup> beautiful beaches in the country – one of <sup>6</sup> best beaches is near my house and I go <sup>7</sup> in the summer.

Emiliano

3 For each question, write the correct answer. Write one word for each gap.

New Message

Hi Casey

How <sup>1</sup> you? I'm very excited about your visit this weekend. The best way to come is by train – it's easier <sup>2</sup> the bus because the train station is near my house.

When you arrive at the station, <sup>3</sup> left and then take the first right. Go <sup>4</sup> the big hospital and the shops. My house is <sup>5</sup> the right – number 22. It's yellow and it's the <sup>6</sup> colourful house in the road!

<sup>7</sup> you want to go to the new sports centre in town? If the answer is yes, bring your sports things. The swimming pool there is <sup>8</sup> best in this area and I often go with my family at the weekend.

See you on Saturday morning.

Yusuf