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A great place to be

Around town

there is, there are
places in a city
giving directions



Start up

1 Work with a partner. Where do you go to do these things? Find the places on the map.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 catch the airport bus | <u>bus station</u> | 5 buy aspirin | |
| 2 go for a walk | | 6 get some local information | |
| 3 buy stamps | ..... | 7 get a taxi | ..... |
| 4 take a client out for dinner | ..... | 8 get some money | ..... |

Listening

2 4.1 Diana is on a business trip to Rio de Janeiro. Listen to four conversations. Write where she needs to go and why.



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| 1 Where? | Why? | 3 Where? | Why? |
| 2 Where? | Why? | 4 Where? | Why? |

Grammar

there is / there are

Use **there is (there's)** with singular nouns.

There's a post office in the town centre.

Is there a bank? No, **there isn't** a bank, but **there's** a place where you can exchange money.

Use **there are + some** for plural nouns.

There are some excellent restaurants in this part of town.

To make questions and negative sentences, use **any**.

Are there any good bookshops near here?

No, **there aren't** any bookshops, but **there's** a good library.

3 Complete the sentences.

are there is there (× 2) there are (× 2) there isn't

- 1 Hi, could you tell me, a good restaurant near here?
- 2 lots of good restaurants.
- 3 any Mexican restaurants there?
- 4 I don't think any Mexican restaurants.
- 5 a pharmacy near here?
- 6 one near here, but there is one very near your hotel.

4 Listen to the first two conversations again and check your answers.

5 Complete the sentences with *there is / there are* or *is there / are there*.

- 1 a post office on the High Street.
- 2 a café near here?
- 3 two banks next to each other at the end of the street.
- 4 any good bars near here?
- 5 a restaurant in the hotel, but there is a good one next door.



Reading

6 Read the emails from Diana's colleagues in Rio. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which buildings are near their offices? 3 Which bar is the restaurant near?
- 2 Who can't come to the meeting?

Hi Diana,
I hope your flight is OK and you have time to relax this evening. Our meeting is at our offices in the morning. They are easy to *get / go / arrive*¹ to from your hotel. When you *leave / go / get out*² of your hotel, turn *left / straight*³ and then go *straight / right / down*⁴ on for two blocks until you *get / go / arrive*⁵ to the traffic lights. Turn left and our offices are *on / next to / near*⁶ your left *opposite / between / on*⁷ the bank and the pharmacy.
See you tomorrow
Leandro

Hi Diana,
Sorry I won't be in the meeting tomorrow. For dinner in the evening, I've booked a restaurant near your hotel. Go out of your hotel and turn right, then continue straight on *until / at / when*⁸ you get to the crossroads. Turn right and the restaurant is *opposite / next / with*⁹ to a bar called Docas.
See you tomorrow evening
Ana



Directions

Turn left / right. Go straight on.
It's opposite / next to / near ...

7 Read the emails in 6 again and circle the correct option.

Speaking

8 Work with a partner. Give directions to places in your town or city. Begin like this:

Excuse me. Is there a ...? Excuse me. Can you tell me how to get to the ...?

Student A

1 Think of a place in your city. Tell your partner where you are in the city and where you want to go.

2 Give Student B the directions they need.

Student B

1 Give Student A the directions they need.

2 Think of a place in your city. Tell your partner where you are in the city and where you want to go.

Start up

1 Match the adjectives with the opposites in the box.

beautiful / pretty	boring	clean	expensive	noisy
old-fashioned	safe	slow	small	unfriendly

- | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1 fast | ..... | 5 modern | ..... | 9 cheap | ..... |
| 2 big | ..... | 6 friendly | ..... | 10 ugly | ..... |
| 3 dirty | ..... | 7 interesting | ..... |  |  |
| 4 dangerous | ..... | 8 quiet | ..... |  |  |

2 Tell your partner about:

- something boring you do at work and something interesting
- an old-fashioned object or piece of technology you own or use
- a dangerous place (or person) that you know
- an exciting film or book you have seen or read recently.

Speaking

3 Work with a partner. Discuss what you know about the cities.



Reading

4 Read the descriptions. Write the name of each city in the highlighted space (a–d).

big, bigger, the biggest	cheap, cheaper, the cheapest
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.....^a is one of¹ cities in South Africa. The city is famous for its gold mines and because it's the home of Nelson Mandela, the former South African president. According to a recent survey, it's² city in the world for foreigners to live in, because food and housing aren't expensive.

beautiful, more beautiful, the most beautiful	big, bigger, the biggest	small, smaller, the smallest
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Many people think that^b is one of³ and most romantic cities in the world and, with 30–40 million visitors a year, it's the most visited. Until the nineteenth century, this city was⁴ in Europe, but today with a population of 2.5 million, it's⁵ than Berlin or London.

big, bigger, the biggest	good, better, the best
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With a population of over 13 million,^c is⁶ city in the world. It's an important global business centre. It's also one of⁷ places in the world to go shopping or eat out. There are more top-class restaurants in this city than Paris or New York.

fast, faster, the fastest	pretty, prettier, the prettiest
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This sea port in south-west China is⁸ growing city in the world. With its beautiful beaches and green parks,^d is⁹ than Beijing or Shanghai and has more tourists. But it's also an important centre for trade and industry, including shipbuilding.

- 5 Which city/cities in 4:
- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 is a port? | 4 has cheap housing? |
| 2 is a tourist centre? | 5 is a centre for the mining industry? |
| 3 has lots of good restaurants? | |

Grammar

Comparative and superlative

One syllable adjectives add *-er* or *-est*.

cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
fast	faster	the fastest

When the adjective finishes in a vowel and a consonant, we double the final consonant.

big	bigger	the biggest
hot	hotter	the hottest

Two syllable adjectives ending in *y* change the *y* to *i* and add *-er* or *-est*.

easy	easier	the easiest
noisy	noisier	the noisiest

Two or more syllables not ending in *y* put *more* or *most* before the adjective.

expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful

Some adjectives are irregular.

good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst

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- 6 Complete the descriptions in 4 with the correct form of the adjectives.
- 7 4.2 Listen and check your answers.
- 8 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.
- Paris is than London. (small)
 - The time of the day is in the evening. Everyone is out in the street talking. (noisy)
 - Life in the country is than life in the city. (quiet)
 - The part of the city is down by the river. (pretty)
 - Cities are always exciting, but for me, the is Barcelona. (exciting)
 - Many cities are than they were in the past and air pollution is (dirty, bad)
 - The city centre is much than some of the suburbs. (safe)
 - The university in the world is in Bologna. (old)

Speaking

- 9 Work with a partner and tell them about your city.
- your favourite restaurant
 - where the most expensive shops/housing are
 - what tourists come to visit
 - the prettiest part of the city
 - the busiest/noisiest part of the city



Start up

- 1 Match the hotel facilities with the words in the box.

air conditioning bath business centre fitness centre hairdryer
 iron / ironing board minibar restaurant room service shower
 swimming pool tea- / coffee-making facilities Wi-Fi access

- 2 What is important for you when you choose a hotel? Tell your partner.

Reading

- 3 Complete the profiles of the three Barcelona hotels with the facilities they offer from 1.

Situated between the airport and the conference centre, the Hotel Ronda is a modern business hotel in North Barcelona. High-speed¹ is free in all rooms and there is a 24-hour² for all your business needs. There are three³ specialising in Italian, Chinese and traditional Spanish cuisine. To help you relax, we have a⁴ for sport and a heated indoor pool for you to use 24 hours a day.

The Casa Sant Jordi is a family-run hotel in the city centre. All rooms have⁵ to keep you cool and are non-smoking. There is no restaurant, but a range of drinks and snacks are in the⁶ in each room. There is an internet café next door and lots of restaurants within walking distance.

The Mirador is a four-star hotel next to the beach. Our luxurious rooms offer a wide range of facilities including 24-hour⁷ for snack and meals. We have one of the best spa and fitness centres in Barcelona with both an indoor and outdoor⁸. Our dining facilities include a French style brasserie and the main restaurant on the top floor, which is also a jazz club. Parking is available on request.

Listening

- 4 4.3 These people need to reserve a hotel room in Barcelona for three nights. Listen and complete the information.



Cristiano, charity worker

He needs a¹ room.

He wants to be near the².



Vera, executive director

She needs a hotel with³,⁴,⁵,⁶.

She wants to be near the⁷.



Simon, teacher, and Laura, engineer

They need a hotel with⁸,⁹,¹⁰.

They want to be near the¹¹.

- 5 Work with a partner. Decide which hotel in 3 is best for each of them.

Vocabulary

- 6 4.4 Listen and revise the months. Mark the word stress.

January	February	March	April	May	June
July	August	September	October	November	December

- 7 4.5 Listen and repeat the ordinal numbers.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	30th	31st



- 8 4.6 Listen and write the dates you hear. Check your answers with a partner.

- 9 Write down five dates that are important to you. Dictate them to your partner. Why are they important?

**Write:**

25th June / 25 June
2nd November / 2 November

Say:

the 25th of June
the 2nd of November

Listening

- 10 4.7 Listen to Cristiano and Laura reserve their hotel rooms. Write the dates.

Cristiano	Arrival date:	Departure date:
Laura	Arrival date:	Departure date:

- 11 Listen again and complete the phrases.

Conversation 1

- I'd like to make a for four nights.
- I'd like a room.
- Could you tell me the rate, please?

Conversation 2

- Hello, I'd like to reserve a room for six nights.
- Does that include ?
- OK, we'll it.

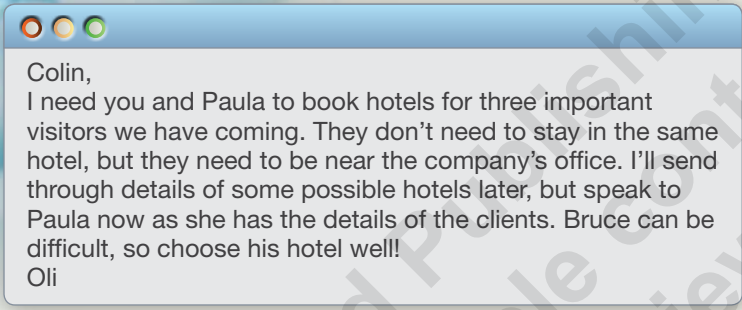
Speaking

- 12 Work with a partner. Take turns to reserve a room. Student A, look at page 97, Student B, look at page 99.

Scenario: Which hotel?



1 Read the email from Colin's boss and complete his 'To do' list.



To do
Book hotel rooms!
Speak to
.....
Possible problem
.....

2 4.8 Colin and Paula meet to discuss the visitors. Listen and complete Colin's notes.



Visitors
1 Ayman Head of Marketing
at
2 Wang
at the Washington office
3 Bruce
The new
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3 4.9 Colin gets some messages from the visitors. Listen and complete the information.

Ayman hasn't got much money, so his hotel must not be¹. He wants to have² in his room and he wants³ to be included in the price.

For Shan, money isn't⁴. It must be high⁵. The room must be very⁶ and she likes to⁷ every morning so there must be a⁸.

Bruce would like an⁹ price hotel. It must have¹⁰ stars and have excellent¹¹. He wants a good¹² of the city.

- 4 The next morning, Colin receives some emails with extra requests from the visitors. Add to the information in 3 .

Dear Colin,
Thank you for booking my room.
I forgot to tell you I'm driving, so could the hotel have parking, please?
When you have a hotel, could you send me some reviews so that I can check it is up to my standards.
Best wishes
Shan

Dear Colin,
Sorry, I forgot to say that I need to exercise every morning, so there needs to be a pool or a gym in the hotel. Also, I like to know before I arrive exactly how much I will spend, so please send me the costs before you book.
Kind regards
Ayman

Dear Colin,
One thing I forgot with my booking: I have to swim every morning, so please make sure there is a pool.
Look forward to seeing you soon.
Best
Bruce

- 5 Work with a partner. Student A, read the hotel descriptions below. Student B, look at the map and read the reviews on page 100. Decide together which hotel is best for each visitor.



World Hotel

Cost: £250 per person per night Stars: 4

Facilities: All rooms come with tea- and coffee-making facilities. There is 24-hour room service available and three top restaurants. Rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with mp3 player docks, free wireless internet and flat-screen TV.



The Sherwood Hotel

Cost: £200 per person per night Stars: 4

Facilities: Each room is equipped with tea- and coffee-making facilities and a minibar. Room service is available until midnight. The room comes with an internet point and there is a fully-equipped business centre for your use. There are two bars and a restaurant. The restaurant and one of the bars is on the top floor with amazing views across the city. The hotel also has a modern gym for your use.



Hathaway Hotel

Cost: £125 per person per night Stars: 3

Facilities: All rooms have tea- and coffee-making facilities and a minibar. Each room also comes with a hairdryer and ironing board. The whole hotel, including each room, has wireless internet available. There is also a fully-equipped business centre. Breakfast is served each morning on the ground floor in the hotel's main restaurant.



Hotel Polo

Cost: £75 per person per night Stars: 2

Facilities: Each room has tea- and coffee-making facilities. Breakfast is served each morning between 7.00 and 10.00.

- 6 Complete the email to one of the visitors describing the hotel you have booked for them. Try to make the choice sound very positive.

..... ,
We have booked the for you. It's hotel with
There and I hope you will be pleased with the choice.
Best wishes