

6 Tell me! What's it like?

What ... like? • Comparatives and superlatives • Synonyms and antonyms • Directions

STARTER

- 1 What is the capital city of your country? What is the population? Is it an old or modern city?
- 2 Write down two things that you like about your capital and two things that you don't like. Tell the class.

I like walking by the Nile in Cairo, but I don't like travelling by bus. They're too crowded.

WORLD TRAVEL

What's it like?

- 1 Read about Todd Bridges.
- 2 What do you know about Melbourne, Dubai, and Paris? Where are they?
- 3 **T 6.1** Listen to what Todd says about them. Write the adjectives he uses for each city. Compare with a partner.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 Match the questions and answers.

Do you like Paris?	It's beautiful.
What's Paris like?	Yes, I do.
	It's got lots of old buildings.
	No, I don't.

- 2 Which question in 1 means: *Tell me about Paris.*

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- 4 Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about the places Todd visited.

What's Melbourne like?

It's ...

It's got ...

There are ...



TODD BRIDGES



Todd Bridges is only seventeen years old but he is already a successful tennis player. He comes from Chicago, USA, but he travels all over the world playing tennis. Last year he played in tennis championships in Melbourne, Dubai, and Paris.

PRACTICE

Comparing four cities

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 What are the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives? What are the rules?

- | | |
|---------|-------------|
| a small | c busy |
| cold | noisy |
| near | dry |
| b big | d beautiful |
| hot | interesting |
| wet | exciting |

- 2 These adjectives are irregular. What are the comparative and superlative forms?

far good bad

- 3 Adjectives also combine with *as ... as*.
Melbourne isn't as cosmopolitan as Chicago.

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- 2 T 6.4 Listen and repeat the sentences.

/hɒtə ðən/

This summer's hotter than last.

/əz hɒt əz/

It wasn't as hot as this last year.

- 3 Practise these sentences with a partner.

It isn't as cold today as it was yesterday.

But it's colder than it was last week.

I'm not as tall as you, but I'm taller than Anna.

This car's more expensive than John's.

But it isn't as expensive as Anna's.

- T 6.5 Listen and check.

- 4 Learn this poem by heart.

Good, better, best.

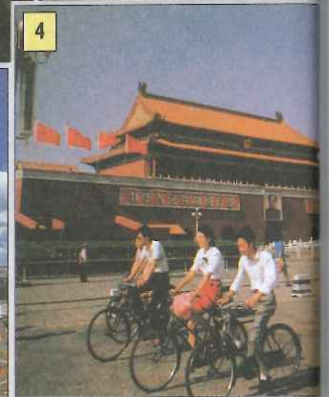
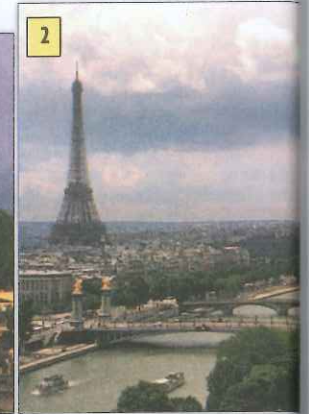
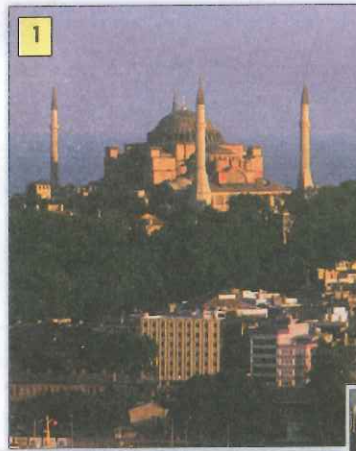
Never, never rest

'til your good is better,

And your better best.

- 1 Match the cities and the photographs. Which countries are these cities in?

Paris Beijing Istanbul Brasilia



- 2 Work with a partner. Your teacher will give you some information.

Student A Read about Paris and Beijing.

Student B Read about Istanbul and Brasilia.

Ask and answer these questions to find out about the other two cities.

- How old is it?
- How big is it?
- How many people live there?
- How hot/cold does it get?
- How wet is it?
- How far is it from the sea?

How old is it?

It's very old. It was founded in ...

- 3 Now compare the four cities.

Paris is bigger than Brasilia.

Beijing is the oldest.

- 4 Compare some cities in your country.