

Unit 1 – World cities

VOCABULARY

Geography/nature

an island
 a desert
 a coast
 a hill
 a plain
 a forest
 a mountain
 a border
 a river
 the mouth of a river
 the sea
 a bay
 a beach
 a harbor
 a lake

 the climate
 the weather

Civilization/people

a state
 a building
 a bridge

 an inhabitant
 an immigrant
 a population

 a city
 a town
 a capital

Adjectives
 multicultural
 well-known
 mixed
 outdoor
 enormous
 spectacular

Country

Mexico
 Australia
 Brazil
 United States
 Canada
 Italy
 Korea
 Africa
 Russia

 Spain
 Britain
 Ireland
 Scotland
 Poland
 Denmark

 Japan
 China

 Thailand
 Greece
 France
 Germany

Place adjective

Mexican
 Australian
 Brazilian
 American
 Canadian
 Italian
 Korean
 African
 Russian

 Spanish
 British
 Irish
 Scottish
 Polish
 Danish

 Japanese
 Chinese

 Thai
 Greek
 French
 German

Describing location

It's **in the middle of** the country.
 It's **on** the east coast.
 It's **in** the mountains.
 It's **on** the Hawkesbury River.

It's **in** the north/south/east/west of the country.
 It's **between** Brisbane and Cairns.
 It's **about** 93 miles **west of** Sydney.

GRAMMAR

Comparing

Comparative sentences compare two things.

Moon Rock is **smaller than** Pittsville. (adjective + *er*; for short adjectives)

Sydney is **more beautiful than** Pittsville. (*more* + adjective; for longer adjectives, usually two or more syllables)

Superlative sentences compare more than two things.

Moon Rock is **the smallest** city. (adjective + *est*; for short adjectives)

Sydney is **the most beautiful** city. (*most* + adjective; for longer adjectives, usually two or more syllables)

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller than	the smallest
big	bigger than	the biggest
nice	nicer than	the nicest
dirty	dirtier than	the dirtiest
beautiful	more beautiful than	the most beautiful

Some adjectives are irregular. For example: *good*, *bad* and *far*.

good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest

Sydney is a **better** place for a vacation **than** Moon Rock.

Sydney is **the best** place for a vacation.

USEFUL PHRASES

Describing where places are

A: Where are you from?

B: I'm from Australia.

A: Whereabouts in Australia?

B: A place called Brisbane.

A: Is it near Sydney?

B: No, it isn't. It's in the north.

A: What's it like?

B: It's nice. It's a big city and it's very near the coast.