

# Travel and tourism

## A Cities

1 Complete Wendy's notes about her vacation. Use the correct words from the box.

culturally diverse	highly educated	slow-paced
densely populated	high-tech	well-planned
fun-loving	open-minded	✓ world-famous

October 7: I'm traveling in South America! Right now I'm in Quito, Ecuador. It's a beautiful and mountainous city. Yesterday, I went to the world-famous place called Mitad del Mundo. I met people from all over - France, Canada, Brazil, and more! Mitad del Mundo means the middle of the world. I had one foot in the northern half of the world and one in the southern half! Last week, I was in Guayaquil. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ city. People like to dance, and there are parties in the streets after soccer games!

October 10: Colombia is amazing! Yesterday, I flew to Bogotá. Bogotá is a very \_\_\_\_\_ city. There are so many people here! Tomorrow, I'm going to the rain forest. It will be \_\_\_\_\_ compared to Bogotá. I'm going to relax there, but I'll also learn a lot about the environment from the people who live in the rain forest.

October 15: I'm in Brazil now. Portuguese, not Spanish, is spoken here. Right now I'm in Curitiba. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ city. There is a great bus system, and there are bus stops next to most of the important buildings. There are also many parks here. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ city, and many of the parks have items from different cultures in them. The people here are \_\_\_\_\_. There are many \_\_\_\_\_ universities in the city.

October 28: Now I'm in Santiago, Chile. It's the most \_\_\_\_\_ city I've visited. It's very modern, and there are Internet cafés and people using new cell phones everywhere. The people are \_\_\_\_\_. They like to talk about different ideas, opinions, and experiences. People speak Spanish, English, and German here.

**2** Write sentences with the words in parentheses and the comparative form of the adjectives (+ *more*, - *less*, = *as . . . as*, ≠ *not as . . . as*).

1. (Seattle / wet + / Las Vegas)

Seattle is wetter than Las Vegas.

2. (New Orleans / slow-paced + / New York)

3. (Kyoto / expensive - / Tokyo)

4. (Small cities / usually / dangerous = / big cities)

5. (The subway system / good + / the buses / in this city)

6. (The international restaurants / bad + / the traditional restaurants / in this town)

7. (Paris / famous = / New York City / for its great museums)

**3** Complete the text with the superlative form of the words in parentheses.

Homer, Alaska, is one of my favorite cities. It's a slow-paced city, and it's the most relaxing <sup>1</sup> (relaxing) city I've ever visited. It was <sup>2</sup> (stressful) vacation I've ever had. I had a lot of time to myself, and I felt very calm. Homer isn't very densely populated. There are only about 145 people per square kilometer. The mornings are <sup>3</sup> (busy) time of the day because many people fish in the mornings. The restaurants in Homer have some of <sup>4</sup> (delicious) seafood in the world. There was only one thing I didn't like. I had problems getting to Homer. In fact, it was <sup>5</sup> (bad) travel experience I've ever had! But I still think Homer is <sup>6</sup> (good) city in Alaska.





#### 4 Circle the correct word(s) to complete each conversation.

1. A: What's \_\_\_\_\_ city in the world?

B: I don't know, but I think it might be Bangkok. When I was there, it was very hot.

- a. hottest    b. hotter than    c. the hottest

2. A: What's the biggest city in the world? Is it New York City?

B: No, many cities are \_\_\_\_\_ New York, like Tokyo or Mexico City.

- a. bigger than    b. the biggest    c. big

3. A: Did you know that Mumbai is \_\_\_\_\_ Tokyo?

B: No. That's really interesting. It must have a very large population.

- a. the most densely populated    b. more densely populated than    c. the least densely populated

4. A: Hesperia is one of \_\_\_\_\_ cities in California.

B: Really? Maybe I'll move there. Los Angeles is so expensive!

- a. less expensive than    b. the least expensive    c. cheaper than

5. A: New York is the best city in the United States!

B: I disagree. I think Chicago is \_\_\_\_\_ New York.

- a. better than    b. the best    c. better

6. A: What's \_\_\_\_\_ city in the world?

B: I think it's Seoul. I read that somewhere before.

- a. less high-tech than    b. more high-tech than    c. the most high-tech

#### 5 Look at the chart. Then answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

	New Delhi	Kolkata	Mumbai
Size	1,482 square km	1,380 square km	440 square km
Population density	28,438 per square km	27,462 per square km	23,088 per square km
January average temperature	21°C	26°C	29°C
August average temperature	33°C	32°C	29°C

1. Which city is bigger - New Delhi or Kolkata? New Delhi is bigger than Kolkata.

2. Which city is the smallest? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which city is the most densely populated? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which city is warmer in January - New Delhi or Kolkata? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Which city is the coolest in August? \_\_\_\_\_

# B

## I'll let someone know.

1 Read the sentences and check (✓) the correct column.

	Reporting a problem	Responding to a problem
1. There's a problem with this pasta.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I'll let someone know right away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I'm having a problem with my menu.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. There seems to be a problem with our food.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I'll get someone to take care of it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. I'll have someone get on it right away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Complete the conversations with the sentences from Exercise 1. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

A. Carl: Excuse me . . .

There's a problem with this pasta.

Walter: What's wrong with it?

Carl: It's cold!

Walter: I'm sorry. \_\_\_\_\_

Carl: Thank you.



B. Isabella: Uh, hello . . . Can you help me?

Walter: Of course. What's the problem?

Isabella: \_\_\_\_\_

Look! It's in French. I can't read it.

Walter: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Truong: Excuse me . . . \_\_\_\_\_

Walter: What is it?

Truong: Well, I asked for it an hour ago, and it's not here!

Walter: I'm sorry. \_\_\_\_\_

## C

## Travel experiences

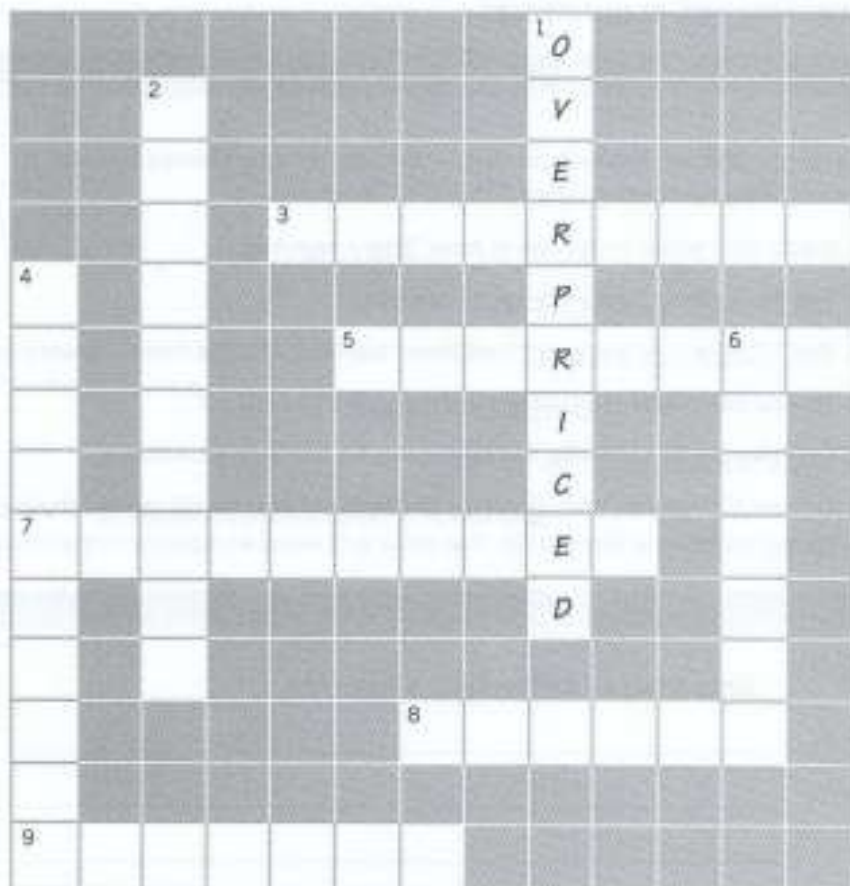
1 Complete the puzzle with the correct words that complete the sentences.

Across

3. This restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_. I can't believe it got five stars. I'd give it two!
5. When I went to Seoul, I was \_\_\_\_\_ to first class!
7. Our hotel was \_\_\_\_\_, but the manager found us a room in another hotel.
8. The museums in Spain are usually \_\_\_\_\_ on the weekends. They're less crowded during the week.
9. Paul's flight to Vancouver was \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours. He worked on his laptop while he waited.

Down

1. My ticket to Australia was \$3,120! I know it's expensive to fly there, but I think my ticket was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I was \_\_\_\_\_ a seat on the train, but when I got there, my seat was taken.
4. We got a \_\_\_\_\_ price on our airline tickets, but the hotels were expensive.
6. My visa \_\_\_\_\_ last year, and I haven't gotten a new one yet.





**2** Jill is planning her trip. Put her words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. Thomas / to / me / that was priced right / told / find a ticket / .

Thomas told me to find a ticket that was priced right.

2. advised / upgrade / at the airport / Pam / me / to / my ticket / .

3. a discounted ticket / Seth / reminded / to buy / me / .

4. let my visa / expire / not / me / to / reminded / Isabel / .

5. travel alone / not / advised / My grandmother / me / to / .

6. at night / She / to / me / take / not / the subway / warned / .

**3** Look at the website. Then write sentences about the underlined advice. Use the simple past of the verb in parentheses.

Hi friends! I'm going to Sydney, Australia, in June. I don't know much about Sydney. What should I pack? What should I do there? Thanks! –Heather

**JaneB92:** It isn't very warm in Sydney in June. Take a sweater!

**MelvinJones:** See the Sydney Opera House! It's amazing.

**Ahmet1986:** Don't forget your passport! Last time I traveled, I forgot mine. I missed my flight!

**LingLee:** Do you like wildlife? Go whale watching. It's incredible!

**LoriTravel:** Don't forget an umbrella. It might rain a lot while you are there.

**FreddyD:** Do you like nature? Well, don't go to the Royal Botanic Gardens. I think you should go hiking in the Blue Mountains. You can see flowers and plants in the mountains.

1. (Jane / advise) Jane advised her to take a sweater.

2. (Melvin / advise) \_\_\_\_\_

3. (Ahmet / warn) \_\_\_\_\_

4. (Ling / tell) \_\_\_\_\_

5. (Lori / remind) \_\_\_\_\_

6. (Freddy / tell) \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Mateo and Pilar are talking on the phone and will meet at the airport. Write what they said. Use reporting verbs.



- Mateo: "Pilar, use the big bags for the clothes."  
(advise) Mateo advised Pilar to use the big bags for the clothes.
- Pilar: "Mateo, bring enough cash."  
(remind) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mateo: "Pilar, remember the passports."  
(tell) \_\_\_\_\_
- Pilar: "Mateo, don't forget to pick up our tickets."  
(remind) \_\_\_\_\_
- Mateo: "Pilar, don't forget to lock the doors!"  
(tell) \_\_\_\_\_
- Pilar: "Mateo, don't be late to the airport!"  
(warn) \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 What commands or advice have people given you in the past? Use reporting verbs with your own ideas or some of the expressions from the box.

Example: My friend reminded me to take an umbrella on my trip to Seattle. or  
My mother warned me not to stay out late.

be careful driving	get a visa	not stay out late
call someone	not forget something	remember a key to something
do your homework	not go out alone	take something on vacation

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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# D

## My town, the best town

1 Read the travel information. Then answer the questions.

- Which city is colder in the winter? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which city is warmer in the summer? \_\_\_\_\_

### Moscow, Russia

Moscow is a world-famous city with many sights to see. You'll want to spend at least a week here.



**Geography and Population:** Moscow is 130 meters above sea level. The population is 10.5 million with about 9,800 people per square kilometer.

**Climate:** The average temperature is  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the winter and  $16^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the summer.

**Getting around:** The worst way to get around Moscow is by car. Take the subway (called the Metro) or a bus or tram instead. The Metro is usually faster.

**Things to see and do:** Moscow has many museums, and you can visit historic sites like the Bolshoi Theater, the most famous theater in Russia. There are also many parks. Don't forget to take a boat trip on the Moscow River!

For more information, call 1-800-555-4310 or visit [www.visitmoscow/cup.com](http://www.visitmoscow/cup.com).

### Moscow, Idaho, the United States

Moscow is a safe and friendly town in Idaho. All seasons are beautiful, and it's an easy getaway for a weekend trip.



**Geography and Population:** Moscow is 786 meters above sea level in a mountainous area. It is a small town with a population of about 23,000 and about 1,440 people per square kilometer.

**Climate:** The average temperature in the winter is  $2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and in summer it is  $18^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

**Getting around:** The best way to get around in Moscow is to drive. You can also call the Dial-A-Ride bus company to pick you up and take you where you want to go.

**Things to see and do:** In the summer, Moscow is a great place to hike and ride bikes. In the winter, you can ski or ride snowmobiles. Every February, Moscow hosts a jazz festival.

For more information, call 1-866-555-6000 or visit [www.travelmoscowus/cup.com](http://www.travelmoscowus/cup.com).

2 Read the travel information again. Then read the sentences and write where each person went. Write *Russia* or *the United States*.

- Susan went to the city that is higher above sea level. the United States
- Carlos went to the city that has fewer people. \_\_\_\_\_
- Ji Sung and Lilly took the subway around the city. \_\_\_\_\_
- Bianca went to a concert in a famous theater. \_\_\_\_\_
- Dan and Ken went to a music festival in February. \_\_\_\_\_
- Marcia and Mel took a boat trip on a river. \_\_\_\_\_