

Which city is it?

Aims

Practice using comparisons with adjectives and nouns.

Language focus

Grammar

Comparisons with adjectives and nouns

Set-up

Pair work

Lesson link

For use after Unit 5, Lesson A

Time

15 minutes

Preparation





Duplicate one copy of the worksheet for each pair.





4. Have students continue playing the guessing game in pairs. Tell them to take turns describing a city and guessing.
5. As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed. Make note of any errors or problems to review later. End the activity promptly after 15 minutes.

Procedure

1. Tell students that they are going to play a guessing game comparing cities around the world. Then put students in pairs and distribute worksheets. Each pair receives one worksheet. Give students some time to read the information on the sheet. Answer any questions about the pronunciation of city names or vocabulary items.
2. Tell students that there are many ways to compare the cities on the worksheet. Give a few examples: *Shanghai is bigger than Paris. Reykjavik is more expensive than Cairo. Los Angeles has more beaches than Rome.*
3. Model the activity. Tell students you are thinking of a city on the sheet. Describe the city using only comparative forms and have students guess which one it is. For example, for Cairo: *This city is hotter and older than Rome. It is cheaper than Paris. Rio has more skyscrapers than this city.* After each sentence, elicit guesses from the class.

Which city is it?

	 Shanghai	 Rome	 Los Angeles	 Mexico City
Population	23 million	2.8 million	3.8 million	8.9 million
Elevation	4 meters	20 meters	71 meters	2,240 meters
Weather	1°C–32°C	2°C–30°C	9°C–29°C	6°C–27°C
Year started	751	753 BC	1781	1325
Price of a burger	\$1.41	\$3.82	\$3.22	\$2.66
Number of skyscrapers	218	3	55	77
Number of beaches	0	0	27	0

	 Rio de Janeiro	 Cairo	 Paris	 Reykjavik, Iceland
Population	6.3 million	17.3 million	10.2 million	200,000
Elevation	0 meters	23 meters	35 meters	26 meters
Weather	18°C–30°C	14°C–35°C	0°C–24°C	–3°C–13°C
Year started	1565	2500 BC	250 BC	870
Price of a burger	\$3.01	\$1.60	\$3.82	\$7.44
Number of skyscrapers	53	29	29	0
Number of beaches	11	0	0	2