Start up

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

- Catch the airport bus
- Bus station
- Buy aspirin
- Buy stamps
- Take a client out for dinner
- Get a taxi
- Get some local information
- Get some money
- Go for a walk

Listening

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

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

Grammar

There is / there are

Use there is (there’s) with singular nouns.

There is 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.

Speaking

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

Complete the sentences.

There is / there are (× 2) there isn’t / aren’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’s a good one next door.

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

Complete the sentences with there is or 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’s a good one next door.

Reading

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

1 Which buildings are near their offices?
2 Who can’t come to the meeting?

Grammar Reference Page 103
Match the adjectives with the opposites in the box.

beautiful / pretty     boring / dull     clean / dirty     expensive / cheap
old-fashioned / modern     fast / slow     safe / dangerous

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

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.

Complete the descriptions in 4 with the correct form of the adjectives.

1. big bigger the biggest
2. pretty prettier the prettiest
3. beautiful more beautiful the most beautiful
4. fast faster the fastest
5. cheap cheaper the cheapest
6. good better the best
7. tall taller the tallest
8. hot hotter the hottest
9. easy easier the easiest
10. noisy noisier the noisiest

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. Paris is (small) than London.
2. The (noisy) time of the day is in the evening. Everyone is out in the street talking.
3. Life in the country is (quiet) than life in the city.
4. The (pretty) part of the city is down by the river.
5. Cities are always exciting, but for me, the (exciting) is Barcelona.
6. Many cities are (dirty, bad) than they were in the past and air pollution is (bad).
7. The city centre is much (safe) than some of the suburbs.
8. The (old) university in the world is in Bologna.

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.

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

1. Which city/cities in 4 is a port?
2. Which city/cities in 4 is a tourist centre?
3. Which city/cities in 4 is a centre for the mining industry?
4. Which city/cities in 4 has cheap housing?
5. Which city/cities in 4 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

Speaking

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-speed Wi-Fi is free in all rooms and there is a 24-hour business centre for all your business needs. There are three restaurants specialising in Italian, Chinese and traditional Spanish cuisine. To help you relax, we have a fitness centre 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 have air conditioning to keep you cool and are non-smoking. There is no restaurant, but a range of drinks and snacks are in the minibar in each room. There is an internet cafe 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-hour room service for snack and meals. We have one of the best spa and fitness centres in Barcelona with both an indoor and outdoor swimming pool. 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 These people need to reserve a hotel room in Barcelona for three nights. Listen and complete the information.

Vocabulary

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

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

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7 Listen and repeat the ordinal numbers.

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8 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?

Listening

10 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
1 I'd like to make a ________ for four nights.
2 I'd like a ________ room.
3 Could you tell me the ________ rate, please?

Conversation 2
1 Hello, I'd like to reserve a ________ room for six nights.
2 Does that include ________?
3 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.

   Colin,
   I need you and Paula to book hotels for three important visitors we have coming. They don’t need to stay in the same hotel, but they need to be near the company’s office. I’ll send through details of some possible hotels later, but speak to Paula now as she has the details of the clients. Bruce can be difficult, so choose his hotel well!

   Oli

   To do
   Book hotel rooms!
   Speak to Paula now!
   Possible problem

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

   Visits
   1. Ayman: Head of Marketing
   2. Shan: Andy
   3. Bruce: The new …

   3. Colin gets some messages from the visitors. Listen and complete the information.

   Ayman hasn’t got much money, so his hotel must not be ….. 1. He wants to have …….. 2. in his room and he wants …….. 3. to be included in the price.

   For Shan, money isn’t …….. 1. It must be high …….. 2. The room must be very …….. 3. and she likes to …….. 4. every morning so there must be a …….. 5. in the hotel.

   Bruce would like an …….. 1. price hotel. It must have …….. 2. stars and have excellent …….. 3. and he wants a good …….. 4. 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