

## GRAMMAR

Circle the correct sentence, a or b.

- Ⓐ Hi. I'm Susanna.  
b Hi. I Susanna.
- 1 a The Earth is hotter than Mars.  
b The Earth is hotter than Mars.
- 2 a Tea is cheaper than coffee.  
b Tea is more cheap than coffee.
- 3 a Driving is dangerouser than flying.  
b Driving is more dangerous than flying.
- 4 a Your English is worse than mine.  
b Your English is more bad than mine.
- 5 a It's the cheapest restaurant in the city.  
b It's the cheaper restaurant in the city.
- 6 a What's the better time to visit?  
b What's the best time to visit?
- 7 a Would you like to do a parachute jump?  
b Do you like to do a parachute jump?
- 8 a I'd like to drive a Ferrari.  
b I'd like drive a Ferrari.
- 9 a You speak very slow.  
b You speak very slowly.
- 10 a She plays tennis very good.  
b She plays tennis very well.

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## VOCABULARY

## a adjectives and adverbs

Write the opposite adjective or adverb.

- good      bad
- 1 quickly      \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 safe      \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 well      \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 noisy      \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 the best      \_\_\_\_\_

## b word groups

Circle the word that is different.

Ireland	Chinese	Thailand	Spain
1 careful	tall	serious	generous
2 cold	hot	dry	dangerous
3 bigger	hotter	leader	older
4 friendly	quietly	dangerously	carefully
5 noisy	crowded	expensive	safe

## c prepositions

Complete the sentences with *for*, *in*, *than*, *of*, or *up*.

Look at the board.

- 1 It's the hottest country \_\_\_\_\_ the world.  
2 The best time \_\_\_\_\_ year to visit is the spring.  
3 I bought a present \_\_\_\_\_ my sister.  
4 Would you like to go \_\_\_\_\_ in a balloon?  
5 My brother is taller \_\_\_\_\_ me.

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## PRONUNCIATION

## a Underline the word with a different sound.

	 key	meet	<u>they</u>
1	 better	popular	car
2	 cloudy	slowly	crowded
3	 worse	boring	learn
4	 best	friendly	serious
5	 high	shy	big

## b Underline the stressed syllable.

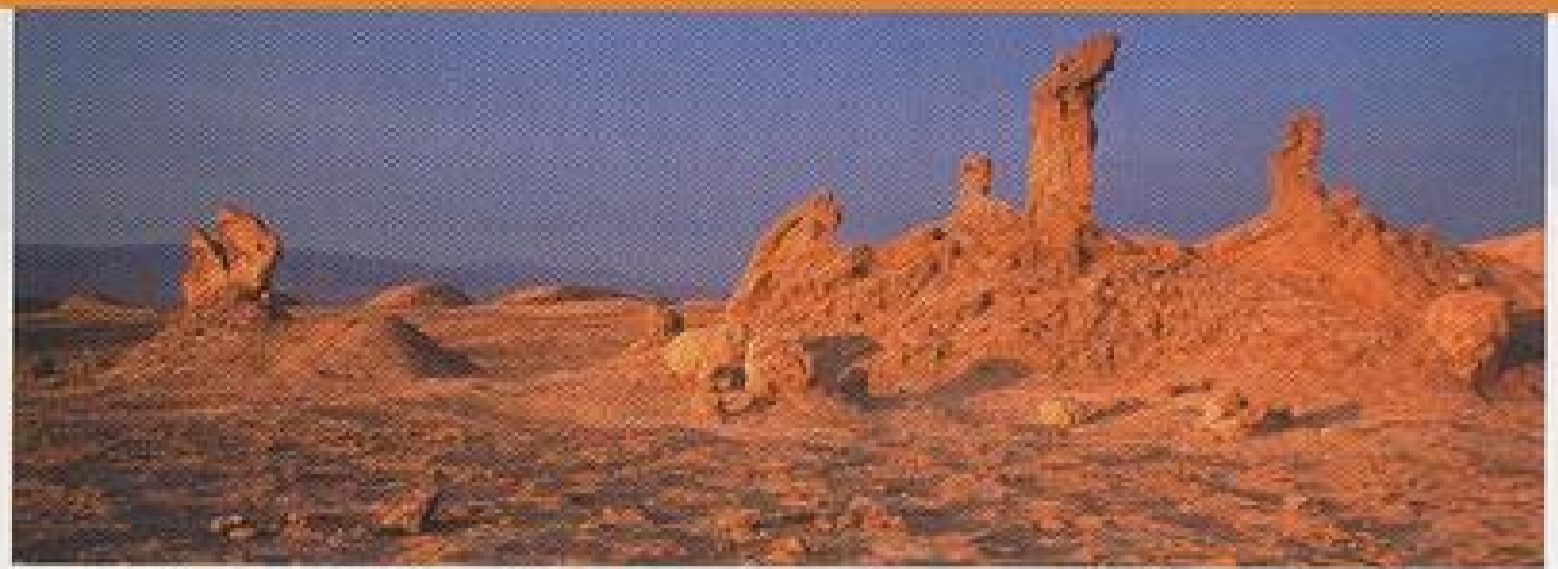
information

aggressive    ambitious    adventure    politely    dangerously

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### CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THIS TEXT?

- Look at the photo and read the article quickly. Would you like to go there?
- Read the article again. Circle a, b, or c.
  - In the Atacama desert...
    - it hardly ever rains.
    - it never rains.
    - it sometimes rains.
  - The only people who live there are...
    - NASA scientists.
    - villagers.
    - builders.
  - The people in Chungungo...
    - have more water than before.
    - have a lot of water.
    - can't water their plants.
  - The Atacama is a very good place to go if you want to...
    - see clouds.
    - see mountains.
    - see stars.



## The Atacama desert...

...the perfect place for people who are looking for adventure

The Atacama desert in Chile is a spectacular place. There is very little vegetation, and it looks like the moon – in fact NASA tested their lunar vehicles here. There are some very big volcanoes. Almost nobody lives there, but there are some small villages on the edge of the desert. Life is hard and everything needs to be imported – food, building materials, and of course water.

In 1971 it rained in the Atacama. People were amazed because the last time it rained there was 400 years earlier, in 1570! It is the driest place in the world. But in the village of Chungungo they are now getting water from the fog clouds which come in from the sea. Daisy Sasmaya, a villager, says, 'We are very happy because now we can have a shower every day, and we can water our plants every week.'

The sky over the Atacama desert is hardly ever cloudy, so it is one of the best places in the world to see the stars. The biggest observatory in the world is being built on top of a mountain. 'It's the purest air in the world,' says journalist Hugh O'Shaughnessy. 'At night the sky is incredibly clear – you feel that there is nothing between you and Mars.'

Adapted from a British magazine

### CAN YOU HEAR THE DIFFERENCE?

**8.18** Nicolas, a French student at university in Edinburgh, talks about his first impressions. Listen. Circle a or b.

- In Scotland people speak...
  - with a different accent and some different words.
  - with a different accent only.
- In Edinburgh...
  - it's very windy but it doesn't rain much.
  - it rains more than in Paris.
- Nicolas's Scottish friends...
  - eat a lot of fruit and vegetables.
  - eat a lot of sweet things.
- Nicolas...
  - never drinks whisky.
  - drinks whisky when he goes to the pub.
- When he finishes university he...
  - is going to go home.
  - doesn't know what he is going to do.

### CAN YOU SAY THIS IN ENGLISH?

- Can you...? Yes (✓)
  - say what the weather is like today (three sentences)
  - compare your town / city with another (three sentences)
  - say three superlative sentences about cities in your country (e.g. *The biggest city is...*)
  - say three things you would like to do (e.g. *go up in a balloon*)
  - say three different ways that people can drive (e.g. *slowly*)

#### b Complete the questions.

are   do   does   did   would   is   were   do

- What \_\_\_\_\_ you do last weekend?
- How often \_\_\_\_\_ you do sport or exercise?
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ you like to go next summer?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your town have many tourist sights?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you like cooking?
- \_\_\_\_\_ you going to go out tonight?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher wearing today?
- Where \_\_\_\_\_ you at ten o'clock last night?

- Interview your partner. When he / she answers, try to ask another question.