

What's the coldest place in the world?

The highest city in the world

1 READING

- a Look at the photos. Where do you think the places are?
b Read the article and complete each heading with a phrase.

The coldest The highest The hottest

EXTREME LIVING

Welcome to the coldest, highest, and hottest places in the world!

_____ country in the world

How do people live in **Mali**, West Africa, where the temperature is often 50°? John Baxter, a BBC journalist in Mali, says, 'People get up very early and they don't move very much in the afternoon. Surprisingly, they wear a lot of clothes (usually **cotton**) as this helps them not to get dehydrated. Houses are very hot and don't have air conditioning – the best place to sleep is on the **roof**!'

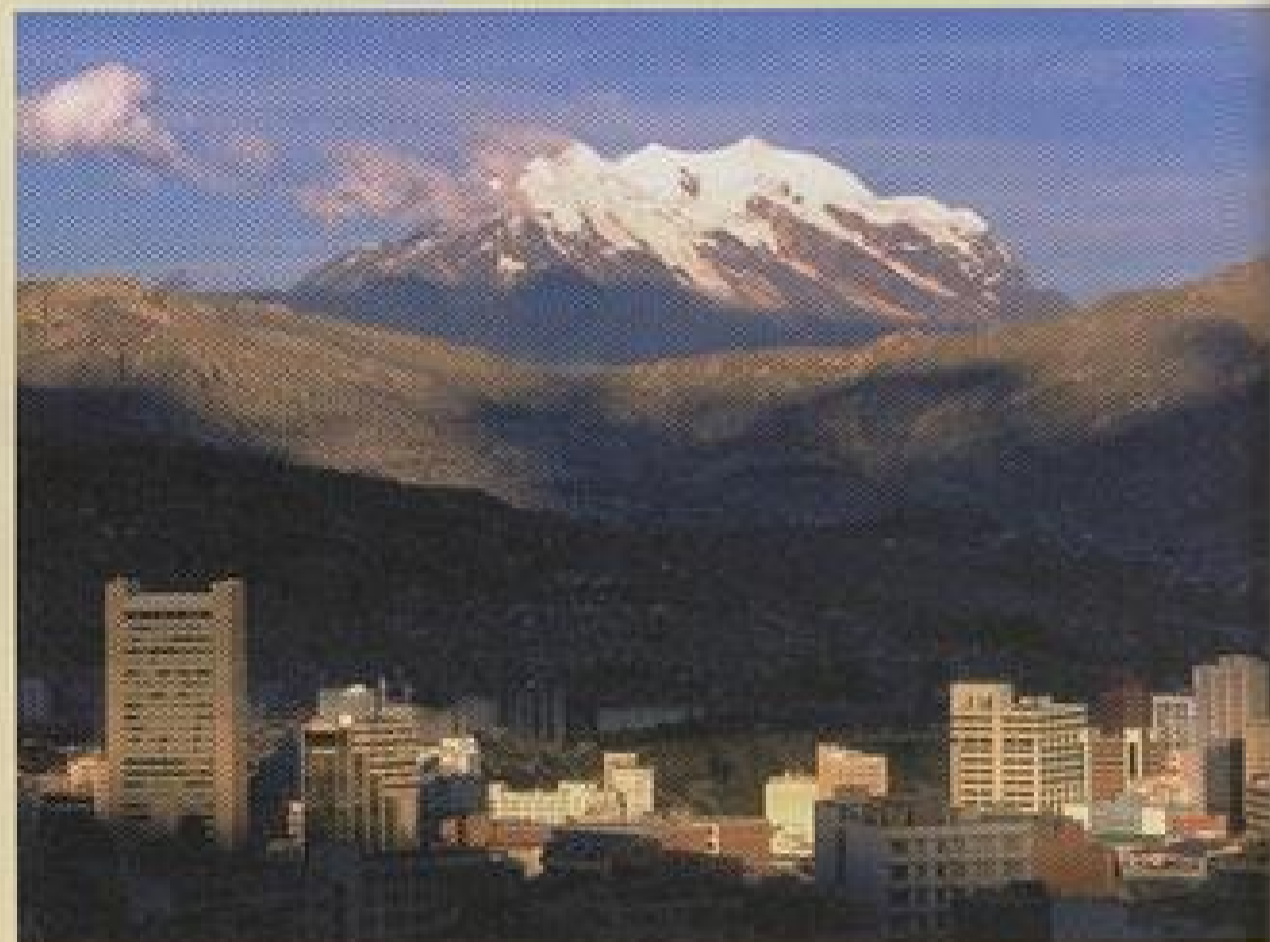


c Read the article again. Answers these questions.

- 1 Where do people wear a lot of cotton clothes? _____ *Mali* _____
- 2 Where is a good place to play golf? _____
- 3 Where do people sleep on the roof? _____
- 4 Where can you have a problem with your nose? _____
- 5 Where do you need to be careful in spring? _____
- 6 Where is a bad place to drink a lot of alcohol? _____

d In pairs, guess the meaning of the **highlighted** words. Check with your teacher or a dictionary.

e Choose five new words to learn from the article.



_____ capital city in the world

La Paz in Bolivia is 4,090 metres above **sea level**. It can be difficult to **breathe** because there isn't much oxygen. Liz Tremlett, a travel agent who lives there, says, 'When people arrive at El Alto airport we sometimes need to give them oxygen.' It is also the worst place to be if you drink too much beer. The next day you feel terrible because you get more dehydrated. But La Paz is a very good place to play golf. At this **altitude**, when you **hit** a golf ball it goes further!

_____ place in the world

Can you imagine living in a place which is four times colder than your **freezer**? This is **Yakutia** in Siberia, where in winter it is often -50° or lower. Valeria Usimenko, a housewife, says,



'After a few minutes outside your **nose** fills with ice. It **snows** a lot and there is always a lot of ice and snow on top of the houses. The most dangerous time is the spring – when the ice falls it can kill people! The winter is very boring because we can't go out much. A lot of babies are born here in the autumn!'

Adapted from a magazine

2 GRAMMAR superlative adjectives

a Complete the chart with superlatives from the article.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cold	colder	<u>the coldest</u>
high	higher	_____
hot	hotter	_____
dangerous	more dangerous	_____
good	better	_____
bad	worse	_____

b p.136 Grammar Bank 8B. Read the rules and do the exercises.

3 PRONUNCIATION consonant groups

a **8.5** Listen and repeat the adjectives in 2a.

b **8.6** Words which have two or three consonants together can be difficult to pronounce. Listen and repeat these superlatives.

the most expensive	the most beautiful
the most crowded	the smallest
the driest	the fastest
the coldest	the strongest

c Complete the questions with superlative adjectives. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

World Capitals Quiz

- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (noisy)
a Tokyo b Madrid c Rome
- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (big)
a Buenos Aires b Mexico City c Tokyo
- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (dry)
a Nairobi b Lagos c Cairo
- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (expensive)
a London b Tokyo c Washington
- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (safe)
a Copenhagen b Canberra c Oslo
- What's the _____ capital city in the world? (crowded)
a Beijing b Bangkok c New Delhi

4 VOCABULARY the weather

a What's the weather like? Match the sentences and pictures.

- It's raining / wet.
- It's sunny / dry / hot.
- It's snowing / cold.
- It's cloudy.
- It's windy.



b What's the weather like where you are today?

5 SPEAKING

In pairs or small groups, ask and answer these questions about your country.

What's the wettest place?

I think it's...

How well do you know your country?

What's / wet / place?
What's / hot / place?
What's / windy / place?
What's / cold / place?

climate

What's / high / mountain?
What's / long / river?
What's / big / city?

geography

What's / beautiful / city?
What's / popular / place for tourists? Why?
What's / good / time of year to visit? Why?
What's / bad / time of year to visit? Why?
What's / good / way to travel round the country?
What's / dangerous / city?

tourism

6 **8.7** SONG 🎵 The Best

8A comparative adjectives

White cars are **safer than** yellow cars.
Mosquitoes are **more dangerous than** sharks.
Tigers are **better swimmers than** cats.

- Use comparative adjectives + *than* to compare two people / things.

Adjective	Comparative	
old cheap	older cheaper	one-syllable adjectives: add <i>-er</i>
big hot	bigger hotter	adjectives ending one vowel + one consonant: double consonant, add <i>-er</i>
healthy happy	healthier happier	one- or two-syllable adjectives ending consonant + <i>y</i> > <i>-ier</i>
famous expensive	more famous more expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives: <i>more</i> + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	irregular

8B superlative adjectives

It's **the hottest** country in the world.
The most dangerous time is the spring.

- Use *the* + superlative adjective to say which is the (*biggest*, etc.) in a group.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative	
cold high	colder higher	the coldest the highest	add <i>-est</i>
hot big	hotter bigger	the hottest the biggest	double consonant, add <i>-est</i>
pretty sunny	prettier sunnier	the prettiest the sunniest	> <i>-iest</i>
dangerous	more dangerous	the most dangerous	<i>the most</i> + adjective
good bad far	better worse further	the best the worst the furthest	irregular

8C *would like to*

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I You He She We They	'd like to fly a plane.	I You He She We They	wouldn't like to fly a plane.
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Would	I you he she we they	like to fly a plane?	Yes,	I you he she we they	would.	No,	I you he she we they	wouldn't.
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- Contractions:** *'d* = *would*, *wouldn't* = *would not*.
- I would like to* = *I want to* (now or in the future).
- Use the infinitive with *to* after *would like*.
I would like to learn. NOT *I would like learn.*
- You can also use *Would you like to...?* for invitations.

Would you like to have dinner with me tonight?

⚠ *Would like* and *like* are different.
I'd like to dance. (= I want to dance now or in the future)
I like dancing. (= I enjoy it, I like it in general)

8D adverbs

I drive **slowly**.
They speak very **quietly**.
People dress very **well**.

- Use adverbs to say *how* people do things.
- Adverbs usually go after the verb.
I speak English very well.
NOT *I speak very well English.*
- Look at the chart for how to make adverbs.

Adjective	Adverb	
slow quick bad careful	slowly quickly badly carefully	+ <i>-ly</i>
healthy easy	healthily easily	consonant + <i>y</i> > <i>-ily</i>
good fast hard	well fast hard	irregular

- Remember the difference between adjectives and adverbs.
I'm a careful driver. (adjective)
I drive carefully. (adverb)

⚠ Not all words that end in *-ly* are adverbs, e.g. *friendly* = adjective.
He's a friendly person.

8A

a Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

- hot hotter
- short _____
 - difficult _____
 - beautiful _____
 - noisy _____
 - thin _____
 - near _____
 - easy _____
 - rich _____

b Write comparative sentences.

- The Nile / the Amazon (long)
The Nile is longer than the Amazon.
- Canada / Brazil (big)
 - Tessa / Deborah (pretty)
 - Driving / flying (dangerous)
 - My English / your English (bad)
 - This chair / that chair (comfortable)
 - Her husband / her (young)
 - Buses / trains (cheap)
 - French wine / English wine (good)

8B

a Write the opposite superlative adjectives.

- the hottest the coldest
- the biggest _____
 - the lowest _____
 - the cheapest _____
 - the youngest _____
 - the easiest _____
 - the wettest _____
 - the ugliest _____
 - the richest _____

b Complete the sentences with a superlative. Use the adjectives in brackets.

- It's the most dangerous country in the world. (dangerous)
- I am _____ in my family. (tall)
 - That house is _____ in the street. (old)
 - The Scots make _____ whisky in the world. (good)
 - This is _____ part of the country. (hot)
 - This is _____ building in the city. (famous)
 - He's _____ student in the class. (bad)
 - Chinese is one of _____ languages to learn. (difficult)
 - It's _____ dress in the shop. (pretty)

8C

a Write sentences and questions with *would like*.

- I / go to New York
I'd like to go to New York.
- I / be a millionaire.
 - you / be famous?
 - I / not / go up in a balloon
 - he / learn to cook
 - she / not / be on TV
 - they / have children?
 - I / not / live in a foreign country
 - We / like / buy a bigger flat

b Complete these sentences with a verb in the correct form (infinitive or *-ing*).

be get open cook go (x2) see live have fly learn

I'd like to learn to fly a plane.

- Would you like _____ dinner with me tonight?
- I'd like _____ to Australia but I don't like _____.
- She wouldn't like _____ a teacher. She hates children.
- Do you like _____ wild animals? Would you like _____ on a safari?
- We'd like _____ married in June.
- I would like _____ a restaurant because I like _____.
- Does your sister like _____ in Paris?
- Would you like _____ another language?

8D

a Adjective or adverb? Cross out the wrong word.

He's very **polite** / **politely**.

- Our teacher speaks very **slow** / **slowly**.
- Her German is **perfect** / **perfectly**.
- Everything happened very **quick** / **quickly**.
- The food was very **good** / **well**.
- Please drive **careful** / **carefully**.
- You can walk **safe** / **safely** at night in this city.
- My sister dresses very **good** / **well**.
- The weather is **terrible** / **terribly** tonight.

b Complete the sentences with adverbs from these adjectives.

bad good careful hard easy healthy slow quiet beautiful

I don't speak French very well.

- We played _____ in the semi-final and we lost 5-1.
- Hurry up! You're walking very _____.
- Can you talk _____, please? Your father is asleep.
- We had a good map and we found their house _____.
- The boss likes him because he works _____.
- Open the bag _____. There are eggs inside.
- He eats very _____ - lots of fruit and vegetables.
- She sings _____. I'm sure she's going to be famous.