

<b>Description</b>	Students play an odd-one-out game based on their knowledge of cities
<b>Lesson link</b>	Use this activity after exercise 1
<b>Time</b>	15 minutes
<b>Extra material</b>	None

## Instructions

- a** Tell SS to look at the six city names at the top of *New English File Elementary Student's Book*, p. 94. Tell SS 'Of these six cities, there is something different about Tokyo. Why is Tokyo different?' SS may have numerous answers (it is in Asia) but the one you are looking for is 'it is the only capital city'. Say 'Tokyo is a capital city. The others – are they capital cities?' **Answer:** No
- Say 'Tokyo is different. This is called the odd one out'. Write *the odd one out* on the board.
- b** Put SS in groups of three or four. Tell SS you will read out lists of cities. In each case they must decide which city is the odd one out and why. Note that there are many possible reasons so give SS plenty of time to discuss the possible answers before you move from list to list. But there is only one answer that you are looking for.
- c** Read out 1 and give the SS time to discuss their answer. Continue through 2-6. NB: do not give the worksheet to SS as question 5 relies on SS already knowing the spelling of the cities.
- d** At the end elicit answers from the class and see which groups got them right. The group with the highest number of correct answers wins the game.
- e** As a follow-up you could ask SS to make their own list of cities and find the odd one out.

### Answers

- 1 Buenos Aires, because it doesn't have a beach.
- 2 Madrid, because people speak Portuguese in the other cities.
- 3 Mexico City, because it isn't in South America.
- 4 London, because it isn't named after a person.
- 5 Moscow, because its last letter is a 'w' not an 'o'.
- 6 Brussels, because it is not an Olympic city. (The Olympics were held in Antwerp, Belgium in 1920).

## Which city is the odd one out?

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| 1 a Barcelona      | b Buenos Aires | c Miami            | d Cape Town      |
| 2 a Madrid         | b Lisbon       | c Sao Paolo        | d Rio de Janeiro |
| 3 a Rio de Janeiro | b Caracas      | c Buenos Aires     | d Mexico City    |
| 4 a Wellington     | b London       | c Ho Chi Minh city | d Washington     |
| 5 a Moscow         | b Oslo         | c Tokyo            | d Toronto        |
| 6 a Seoul          | b Athens       | c Brussels         | d Barcelona      |