Start

Think of a town or city in your country. Say where it is.

It's ... in the north/the south-east ... on the River ... near the mountains ... kilometres from the sea ...

Listen to the descriptions of two cities. Which cities are they?

Listen to Rob, an Englishman who lives and works in Paris. Complete his sentences.

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4. The architecture in Paris is ____ than Parisians.
5. Life is ____ in London.
6. Londoners are generally ____ than Parisians.
7. People in London work ____ and they earn ____.
8. In Paris, having a good time is ____.

Listen and check.

Work with a partner. Practise the conversations in exercise 1.

Be careful with stress and intonation.

New York is much more modern!

Work in small groups. Compare two capital cities you know.

... is bigger than ... it is nearer the ... but ... is safer ...

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**Unit 9**

**A PARISIAN IN LONDON**

have got

1. Listen to Chantal, a French woman. Where does she live and work? Is she married?
2. Listen again and complete the questions and answers. Practise them with a partner.

**Hi! I’m Chantal! I’ve got a good job in a bank.**

- Q: Have you got a flat?
  - C: We _____ a nice flat in Camden.
- Q: Has André _____ a job?
  - C: He _____ a shop in Camden. He sells French cheese!
- Q: _____ you _____ a car?
  - C: No, I _____ a car. I go everywhere on public transport. It’s much easier.

**I’ve got a bigger house than you!**

4. Work with a partner. Imagine you’re both millionaires. Who’s got the best house? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each house?

**I don’t think so. I’ve got ten bedrooms!**

**GRAMMAR SPOT**

1. Have and have got both express possession.
   - I have a good job. = I’ve got a good job.
   - Do you have a nice flat? = Do you have got a nice flat?
   - She doesn’t have a car. = She hasn’t got a car.
   - We use have got more in spoken English.

2. The past of have got
   - I’ve got a bigger house than you!

3. Rewrite the sentences with have got.
   1. We have a nice flat.
   2. I have a French husband.
   3. He has a business in Camden.
   4. Do you have a lot of friends?
   5. How many brothers and sisters do you have?
   6. I don’t have any brothers. I have a sister called Natalie.
   7. Natalie has a big house.
   8. You have a good English accent.

**GRAMMAR SPOT**

1. Look at the superlatives in exercise 1.
   - small → the smallest
   - expensive → the most expensive
   - beautiful → the most beautiful

2. What are the comparative and superlative forms of these adjectives?
   - easy, hot, beautiful

3. Complete the sentences with an opposite adjective.
   - This exercise is too difficult.
   - You’re the youngest in the class.
   - She’s taller than her brother.
   - This music is too loud.

**PRACTICE**

It’s the biggest!

1. Complete these sentences with a superlative adjective.
   1. The _____ building in London is Canary Wharf. It’s 235 metres.
   2. The _____ hotel is the Lanesborough. It costs £7,000 per night!
   3. The _____ park in central London is Hyde Park. It’s 142 hectares.
   4. The _____ tourist attraction is the London Eye. It has 10,000 visitors a day.
   5. The _____ building is Buckingham Palace. Everyone knows who lives there.
   6. The _____ restaurant for spotting celebrities is The Ivy. They all go there.

Making comparisons

2. Complete the sentences with an opposite adjective.
   1. The music here is too loud. Can we go somewhere quieter?
   2. The 10.00 train is too slow. Is the 11.30 train a faster one?
   3. You’re late. Why weren’t you here earlier?
   4. This flat is too far from town. I need somewhere nearer the centre.
   5. Five minutes is too short for a break. We need a longer one.
   6. This exercise is too easy. Can I do something more difficult?

Check it

3. Tick (✓) the correct sentence.
   1. Yesterday was more hot than today.
   2. Yesterday was hotter than today.
   3. She’s taller than her brother.
   4. She’s taller that her brother.
   5. I am the most young in the class.
   6. I am the youngest in the class.
   7. This exercise is most difficult in the book.
   8. This exercise is the most difficult in the book.
   9. I’ve got three sisters.
   10. I got three sisters.
   11. Do you got any money?
   12. Have you got any money?
   13. She hasn’t got a good job.
   14. She no got a good job.
listening

1. Listen to three people from the three megacities.
2. What happened in 2008?
3. Work in three groups.
   - Group A: Read about Tokyo.
   - Group B: Read about Mumbai.
   - Group C: Read about Mexico City.

Project

Research another megacity. Make some notes. Present your findings to the rest of the class.
VOCABULARY AND SPEAKING

Town and country

1. Look at the pictures. Which is the town? Which is the village?
2. Find the words in the box in the pictures.

3. Complete the sentences with a word from exercise 2.
   1. A cathedral is bigger than a church.
   2. A mountain is higher than a hill.
   3. A cottage is smaller than a house.
   4. A town is bigger than a city.
   5. In my town there's a statue of King Leopold II sitting on his horse. It's in the main square.
   6. The mayor has an office in the town hall.
   7. Cars drive on the road. Pedestrians walk on the pavement.

4. What can you do …?
   - at a petrol station
   - in a library
   - in a shopping centre
   - at a market
   - on a farm
   - at a church
   - in a park
   - on a river
   - on a hill
   - in a town hall
   - on a street

5. Where do you go in your town …?
   1. to meet friends
   2. for culture (art, music, history, …)
   3. to see tourist sights
   4. when it is a lovely day

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Directions

1. Look at the map of Kingston. Find these things.

2. Complete the directions from YOU ARE HERE to the A312 to Dorchester. Use the prepositions.

3. Start from YOU ARE HERE. Listen to the directions.
   - Where do you finish?

4. Work in pairs. Ask for and give directions to …
   - the railway station
   - the church
   - a chemist's
   - a car park
   - the A42 to Milbury

5. Give directions to places in your town from your school.