

6 Tell me! What's it like?

What ...like? • Comparatives and superlatives • Synonyms and antonyms • Directions

STARTER

- 1 What is the capital city of your country? What is the population? Is it an old or modern city?
- 2 Write down two things that you like about your capital and two things that you don't like. Tell the class.

I like travelling on the buses in London but I don't like the Underground, it's too expensive.


WORLD TRAVEL

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Do you like Paris?	Yes, I do.
What's Paris like?	It's got lots of old buildings.
	No, I don't.

- 2 Which question in 1 means: *Tell me about Paris.*

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- 4 Work with a partner. Ask and answer questions about the places Todd visited.

What's Melbourne like?

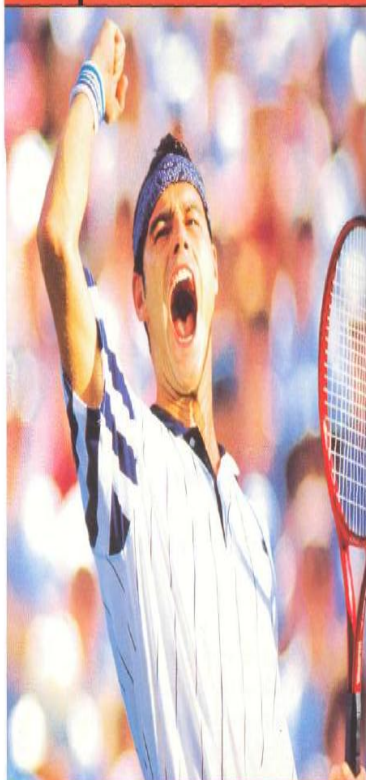
It's ...

It's got ...

There are ...



TODD BRIDGES



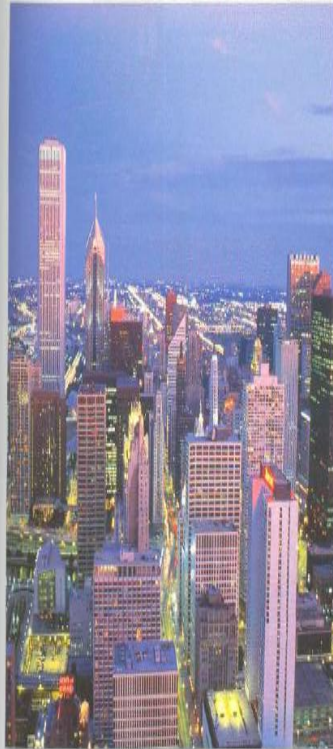
Todd Bridges is only seventeen years old but he is already a successful tennis player. He comes from Chicago, USA, but he travels all over the world playing tennis. Last year he played in tennis championships in Melbourne, Dubai, and Paris.



PRACTICE

What's Chicago like?

1 You are asking Todd about Chicago. Complete the questions with *is* or *are* and the correct words from the box.



the restaurants the people the night-life the buildings

1 You What's the weather like?

BIG, BIGGER, BIGGEST!

Comparatives and superlatives

1 Read the second part of the conversation with Todd. He compares the places he visited last year. Can you complete any of the sentences?



“Melbourne was interesting, but for me, Paris was _____ interesting _____ Melbourne, and in some ways Dubai was the _____ interesting of all because it was so different _____ any other place I know. It was also the _____, driest, and _____ modern. It was hot in Melbourne but not _____ hot _____ in Dubai. Dubai was _____ hotter! Melbourne is _____ older _____ Dubai but not _____ old _____ Paris. Paris was _____ oldest city I visited, but it has some great modern buildings, too. It was the _____ romantic place. I loved it.”



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1 You What 's the weather like?

Todd Well, Chicago's called 'the windy city' and it really can be windy!

2 You What _____ like?

Todd They're very interesting. You meet people from all over the world.

3 You What _____ like?

Todd A lot of them are very, very tall. The Sears Tower is 110 storeys high.

4 You What _____ like?

Todd They're very good. You can find food from every country in the world.

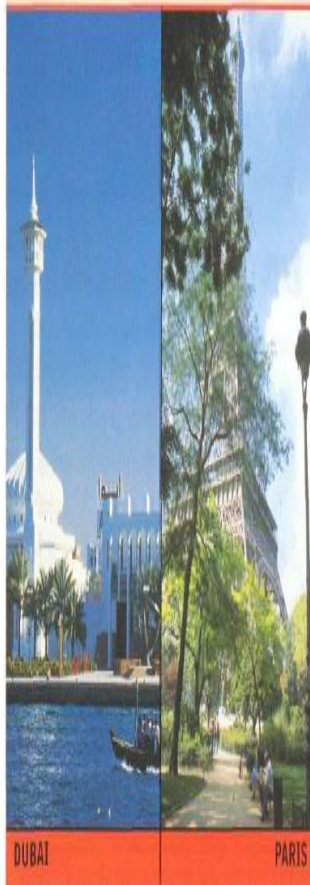
5 You What _____ like?

Todd Oh, it's wonderful. There's lots to do in Chicago.

2 T6.2 Listen and check. Practise with a partner.

3 Ask and answer the same questions about the town or city you are in now.

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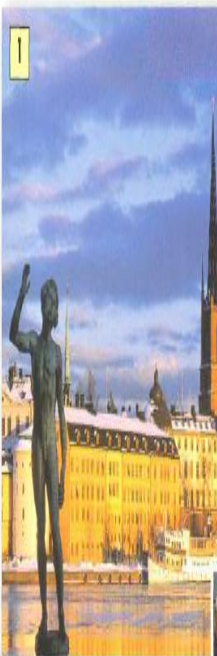
T6.3 Listen and check.

PRACTICE

Comparing four capital cities

1 Match the cities and the photographs. Of which countries are these the capital cities?

Paris Beijing Stockholm Brasilia



GRAMMAR SPOT

1 What are the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives? What are the rules?

- | | |
|---------|-------------|
| a small | c busy |
| cold | noisy |
| near | dry |
| b big | d beautiful |
| hot | interesting |
| wet | exciting |

2 These adjectives are irregular. What are the comparative and superlative forms?

far good bad

3 Adjectives also combine with as... as.
Melbourne isn't as cosmopolitan as Chicago.

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2 T 6.4 Listen and repeat the sentences.

/hɒtə ðən/

This summer's hotter than last.

/əz hɒt əz/

It wasn't as hot as this last year.

3 Practise these sentences with a partner.

It isn't as cold today as it was yesterday.

But it's colder than it was last week.