



**Activity:**  
*Describing and comparing*



Now use your personal information.

*What's your teacher like?*

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**LANGUAGE NOTE:**

**What is / was it like?**

✓ We use the construction *What...like?* to ask for a general description.

**Present:**

- What's (what is) the weather like today?      It's sunny / cloudy, etc.
- What are the teachers like?      They are very friendly/interesting, etc.

**Past**

- What was the food like at the conference?      It was very good/fantastic.
- What were the presentations like?      They were very long/boring, etc.

**1.1**

- a. Danuta is speaking to a colleague about a trip to New York. Listen to the conversation. Was Danuta's trip generally a positive or negative experience?

SCAN ME!  
Listen 🎧



- b. Listen again, and complete the questions in column A.

A	B
..... New York	.....
.....?	.....
..... your hotel	.....
.....?	.....
..... the conference?	Friendly people. She made two or three useful contacts.
..... presentations	.....
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- c. Can you remember Danuta's answers to the questions in A? Write them in column B above. Listen again if necessary.

## 1.2

Match the adjectives in A with their opposites in B, as in the example.  
Which adjectives are generally positive and which ones are negative?

A - Adjectives	
● <del>noisy</del>	● friendly
● cheap	● fantastic
● small	● useful
● boring	● clean
● convenient	● long

B - Opposites	
● dirty	● expensive
● short	● interesting
● large	● unfriendly
● useless	● <del>quiet</del>
● inconvenient	● terrible

..... <i>noisy</i> .....	..... <i>quiet</i> .....	.....	.....
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## 1.3

For each category in A below, circle the adjective in B which can't be used. Add two or three adjectives in C which are possible, as in the example.

A	B	C
Towns	noisy / <u>easy</u> / beautiful / small	<u>large</u> / quiet / modern
The weather	tiring / dirty / changeable / hot / friendly	.....
People	friendly / inconvenient / boring / quiet	.....
Hotels	convenient / old-fashioned / difficult	.....
Meetings & trips	long / difficult / clean / dull	.....
Presentations	terrible / large / short / useful	.....

## 1.4

- a. Match the adjectives in the box below with their opposites, as in the example.

- |         |               |                       |                         |                |
|---------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| ● cheap | ● interesting | ● <del>friendly</del> | ● expensive             | ● fantastic    |
| ● quiet | ● boring      | ● terrible            | ● <del>unfriendly</del> | ● inconvenient |
| ● short | ● noisy       | ● convenient          | ● long                  |                |



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friendly / unfriendly

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b. Now use eight of the adjectives from (a) to complete this postcard from Turkey.

*Dear Valerie,*

We arrived in Istanbul yesterday morning, very tired after our .....<sup>1</sup> overnight flight. The city is really .....<sup>2</sup> with lots of traffic, but our hotel is on a small side street, and very .....<sup>3</sup>. It's also very .....<sup>4</sup> for the conference centre – just two minutes away. The hotel staff are very .....<sup>5</sup> and welcoming. It's the second day of the conference today. The programme doesn't look very .....<sup>6</sup>, so I'm going shopping. I've got a really .....<sup>7</sup> app which tells you where to find the best shops and markets. Everything's very .....<sup>8</sup> here, so I'm sure I'll buy a lot of souvenirs to take home.

*Love Anne-Marie*



### 1.5

Match questions 1-7 with answers a-g. ( ↗ → ↘ )

1. Do you like working for your company?
2. Would you like to work in another country?
3. Would you like something to drink?
4. What do you like doing in the evenings?
5. What was your weekend like?
6. What would you like to do this evening?
7. What's your boss like?

- a. No, thanks. I'm fine.
- b. Fantastic. We had a wonderful time.
- c. Very nice. She has a lot of good ideas.
- d. Reading, or playing the piano.
- e. Not really. I'm looking for something different.
- f. A meal in a restaurant would be nice.
- g. Yes. Maybe for a few years.

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