A great city is that which has the greatest men and women.
Walt Whitman, American poet

G superlatives (+ ever + present perfect) | **V** describing a town or city | **P** sentence stress

1 VOCABULARY describing a town or city

a Complete the email with words from the list. Use the map to help you.

across from   beach   east   medium-sized   Ocean   ~~south~~   west

Hi Tamara,

Sorry, I'm going to be away when you visit, but I hope you and the family have a great weekend here in Portland, Maine. Here are a few ideas and a **link** to a map.

The Old Port is our main tourist attraction; it's on the ¹*south* side of the city, and it's really beautiful. It has lots of old buildings with trendy restaurants and stores. There are some other great places to see on the ²_____ side of the city, like Victoria Mansion and the Portland Museum of Art. Don't miss the ³_____ side of the city where you can take a boat tour of Portland Harbor. Bring a sweater or jacket because it gets cold on the boat.

Your hotel is on Commercial Street, ⁴_____ the ferry terminal. It's a busy area, but the hotel has a good view of the Atlantic ⁵_____. It's a modern, ⁶_____ hotel, with about 120 rooms.

I don't know if you want to go swimming in the ocean. The water is very cold — even in the summer. But if you want to walk along a ⁷_____, it's only a five-minute drive from your hotel.

Have a great time!

Sarah

b Complete the sentences with the opposite of the adjectives in parentheses.

1 Sydney has a lot of m*odern* buildings. (historic)
2 Los Angeles is a p_____ city. (clean)
3 New York is a s_____ city these days. (dangerous)
4 Mumbai is a very n_____ city. (quiet)
5 What's the most b_____ city you've ever been to? (interesting)
6 The subway in Tokyo is very cr_____. (empty)

c Complete the puzzle and find the name of a city.

¹M	O	S	Q	U	E	
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		⁶				

d Look at the vacation photos and complete the texts with the missing words. Use plurals where necessary.

1 This was in Dubrovnik. We walked around the city w_ally_____ in the morning, bought some fruit for lunch at the m_____, and then we walked to the top of the h_____ to get an amazing view of the city and the water.

2 This is a photo of a famous br_____ over one of the c_____ in Venice. It goes from the palace to a prison on the other side.

3 This is a place called Sukhothai in Thailand. These r_____ are next to a beautiful l_____, and you can see all sorts of nice t_____ and st_____ as you walk around.

2 GRAMMAR superlatives (+ *ever* + present perfect)

a Complete the conversations with the superlative form of the adjective in parentheses.

1 A What was *the best*_____ part of your trip to Rio? (good)
  B The carnival, definitely.

2 A What were the people like in Canada?
  B They were _____ people I've ever met. (friendly)

3 A Is it really dangerous to go out at night in this city?
  B Yes. _____ place to be is here in the hotel. (safe)

4 A What was the hotel like?
  B Really awful. And it was in _____ part of the city. (less / attractive)

5 A Is August a good time to visit the south of Sri Lanka?
  B No, that's _____ time of the year. (wet)

6 A What's _____ you have ever driven? (far)
  B I once drove from Miami to Atlanta in a day.

b Write sentences with the superlative + *ever*. Use contractions where possible.

1 He / rude person / I / meet
  He's the rudest person I've ever met.

2 It / beautiful building / we / see
  _____.

3 That / expensive thing / I / buy
  _____.

4 It / good photo / you / take
  _____.

5 That / bad flight / we / have
  _____.

c Write questions with the superlative + *ever*.

1 What / beautiful city / you / be to?
  What's the most beautiful city you've ever been to?

2 What / bad hotel / you / stay in?
  _____?

3 What / good vacation / you / have?
  _____?

4 What / interesting museum / you / visit?
  _____?

5 What / nice restaurant / you / be to?
  _____?

d Answer questions 1–5 in **c** about you.

1 The most beautiful city I've ever been to is _____.

2 The _____.

3 _____.

4 _____.

5 _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

a 🔊 5.3 Listen and write five questions.

1 *What's the most romantic city you've ever been to?*

2 _____?

3 _____?

4 _____?

5 _____?

b 🔊 5.3 Listen again and repeat the questions. <u>Copy</u> the <u>rhy</u>thm.