Conv. 1   Answers

Complete the sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1.I like to _unwind_____ by listening to my favorite music.

2.The baseball game was _called off__ because of the rainstorm.

3.I really _feel for_____ homeless people. We should try our best to help them.

4.I love your new bicycle. It's really _dope_____.

5.My friend was _pissed_____, because I forgot her birthday.

6.A:What do you usually do on the weekend?

B:I like to _take it easy__ with my _crew_____. (2 idioms)]

7.A:Ok Severn! I need to leave now!

B:Ok, but _hold on_____! I need to give you something first.

8.Bill Gates _dropped out of_ Harvard University after 1 year.

9.A:Do you want to see a movie today?

B:No thanks. I just want to rest at home.

A:Aww _come on____! The new Harry Potter movie just opened.

10.My friend's really cool! He's very _laid back__.

11.He's really _cold-hearted_. he doesn't care anything about other people.

12.The student was _kicked out__ of school for cheating.

13.I'm very _picky_____ about the food I eat. I only eat food that begins with the letter "S', strawberries, steak, salad, spinach, sushi...

14.Sorry about that! It's _my bad_____!

15.I've been _on my own____ since I left home for college.

a.laid back

b.dope

c.dropped out of

d.cold-hearted

e.crew

f.my bad

g.called off

h.kicked out

i.on my own

j.hold on

k.take it easy

l.picky

m.unwind

n.come on

o.pissed

p.feel for

Conv. 1

Write the meanings for these idioms
(www.english-idioms-and-expressions.com) (click on English idioms...on the left)

1. back story (background information / not the main story)
2. Bless you (what you say after somebody sneezes)
3. bucket list (things you want to do before you die)
4. dissin' someone (disrespecting someone)
5. every other (every second one)
6. having a sense of humor (being funny / appreciating good humor)
7. kick the habit (to quit an addiction)
8. not having a clue (don't know or understand)
9. asset/liability (strong point / weak point)
10. off the cuff (not prepared)
11. on behalf of (speaking for)
12. on the verge (about to happen)
13. keep it up (continue)
14. or else (warning / do something or you'll be sorry)
15. same old, same old
16. Big Apple (New York City)
    City of Angels (L.A.)
    Windy City (Chicago)
    Sin City (Las Vegas)

It's a really nice city.

▸ Describe hometowns, cities, and countries
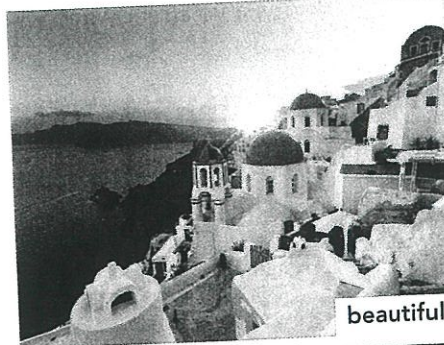▸ Make recommendations about places to visit

Conv. 1

1 WORD POWER Adjectives to describe places

A PAIR WORK Match each word in column A with its opposite in column B. Then add two more pairs of adjectives to the list.

A		B	
1. beautiful	h	a.	boring
2. cheap	d	b.	crowded
3. clean	f	c.	dangerous
4. interesting	a	d.	expensive
5. quiet	e	e.	noisy
6. relaxing	g	f.	polluted
7. safe	c	g.	stressful
8. spacious	b	h.	ugly
9. _____		i.	_____
10. _____		j.	_____

beautiful

ugly

B PAIR WORK Choose two places you know. Describe them to your partner using the words in part A.

2 CONVERSATION It looks so relaxing.

▸ **A** Listen and practice.

Ron: That photo is really cool! Where is that?

Camila: That's a beach near my house in Punta Cana, in the Dominican Republic.

Ron: It looks so relaxing. I've heard the area is really beautiful.

Camila: Yeah, it is. The weather is great, and there are some fantastic beaches. The water is really clear, too.

Ron: Is it expensive there?

Camila: Well, it's not cheap. But prices for tourists can be pretty reasonable.

Ron: Hmm . . . and how far is it from Santo Domingo?

Camila: It's not *too* far from the capital. About 200 kilometers . . . a little over 120 miles.

Ron: It sounds very interesting. I should plan a trip there sometime.

▸ **B** Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Camila say about entertainment in Punta Cana?

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

> ### Adverbs before adjectives

		adverbs
Punta Cana is **really** nice.	It's a **really** nice place.	too
It's **fairly** expensive.	It's a **fairly** expensive destination.	extremely
It's not **very** big.	It's not a **very** big city.	very/really
		pretty
New York is **too** noisy, and it's **too** crowded for me.		fairly/somewhat

GRAMMAR PLUS *see page 142*

A Match the questions with the answers. Then practice the conversations with a partner.

1. What's Seoul like? Is it an interesting place? __e__

2. Do you like your hometown? Why or why not? ___d___

3. What's Sydney like? I've never been there. ___a___

4. Have you ever been to São Paulo? ___b___

5. What's the weather like in Chicago? ___c___

a. Oh, really? It's beautiful and very clean. It has a great harbor and beautiful beaches.

b. Yes, I have. It's an extremely large and crowded place, but I love it. It has excellent restaurants.

c. It's really nice in the summer, but it's too cold for me in the winter.

d. Not really. It's too small, and it's really boring. That's why I moved away.

e. Yes. It has amazing shopping, and the people are pretty friendly.

> ### Conjunctions
>
> Los Angeles is a big city, **and** the weather is nice.
>
> Boston is a big city, **but** it's not too big.
>
> It's a big city. It's not too big, **though**.
>
> It's a big city. It's not too big, **however**.

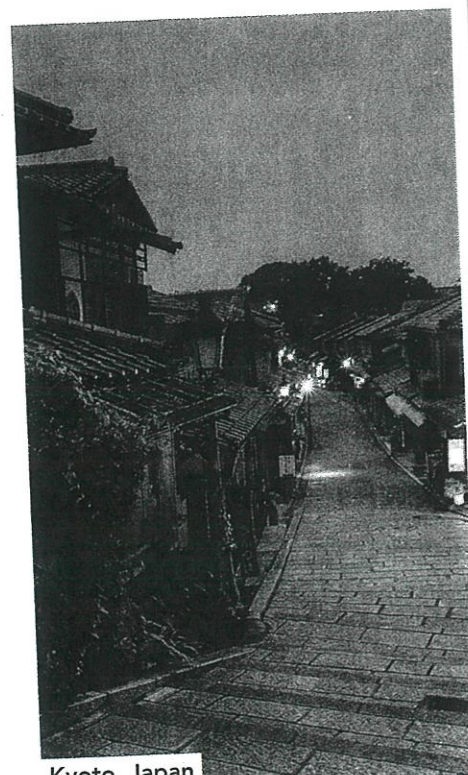GRAMMAR PLUS *see page 142*

B Choose the correct conjunctions and rewrite the sentences.

1. Kyoto is very nice. Everyone is extremely friendly. (and / but)
   _____

2. The streets are crowded during the day. They're very quiet at night. (and / though)
   _____

3. The weather is nice. Summers get pretty hot. (and / however)
   _____

4. You can rent a bicycle. It's expensive. (and / but)
   _____

5. It's an amazing city. I love to go there. (and / however)
   _____

C **GROUP WORK** Describe three cities or towns in your country. State two positive features and one negative feature for each.

A: Singapore is very exciting and there are a lot of things to do, but it's too expensive.
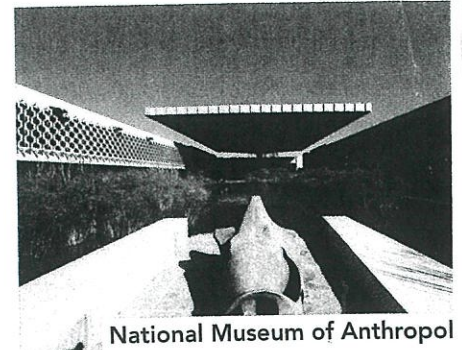
B: The weather in Bogotá is . . .

Kyoto, Japan
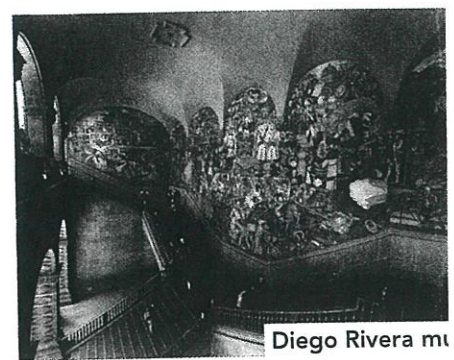
It's a really nice city. **73**

7 CONVERSATION What should I do there?

▶ **A** Listen and practice.

JASON Can you tell me a little about Mexico City?

CLAUDIA Sure. What would you like to know?

JASON Well, I'm going to be there for a few days next month. What should I do there?

CLAUDIA Oh! You should definitely visit the National Museum of Anthropology. It's amazing.

JASON OK. It's on my list now! Anything else?

CLAUDIA You shouldn't miss the Diego Rivera murals. They're incredible. Oh, and you can walk around the historic center.

JASON That sounds perfect. And what about the food? What should I eat?

CLAUDIA You can't miss the street food. The tacos, barbecue, fruit . . . it's all delicious.

National Museum of Anthropol

Diego Rivera mu

▶ **B** Listen to the rest of the conversation. Where is Jason from? What should you do there?

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ **Modal verbs *can* and *should***

What **can** I do in Mexico City?

You **can** walk around the historic center.

You **can't** miss the street food.

What **should** I see there?

You **should** visit the National Museum of Anthropology.

You **shouldn't** miss the Diego Rivera murals.

GRAMMAR PLUS see page 14

A Complete these conversations using *can*, *can't*, *should*, or *shouldn't*. Then practice with a partner

1. **A:** I _can't_ decide where to go on my vacation.
   B: You _should_ go to Morocco. It's my favorite place to visit.
2. **A:** I'm planning to go to Puerto Rico next year. When do you think I _should_ go?
   B: You _can_ go anytime. The weather is nice almost all year.
3. **A:** _Should_ I rent a car when I arrive in New York? What do you recommend?
   B: No, you _should_ definitely use the subway. It's fast and not too expensive.
4. **A:** Where _can_ I get some nice jewelry in Istanbul?
   B: You _shouldn't_ miss the Grand Bazaar. It's the best place for bargains.
5. **A:** What _can_ I see from the Eiffel Tower?
   B: You _can_ see all of Paris, but in bad weather, you _can't_ see anything.

B Write answers to these questions about your country. Then compare with a partner.

What time of year should you go there?

What are three things you can do there?

What can you do for free?

What shouldn't a visitor miss?

It's a really nice cit

city to city

Read about these cities.

Budapest, Hungary

For many centuries, Budapest was two cities, with Buda on the west side of the river Danube and Pest on the east side. Budapest became one city in 1872, and it has been the capital city of Hungary for about eighty years.

The population of Budapest is about three million, and the city is a very popular place for tourists. Visitors like to take boat rides along the Danube. Budapest is also known for its exciting nightlife. The best time to visit is the summer since Budapest is very cold in the winter.

Los Angeles, USA

Los Angeles was founded in 1781. With 3.5 million people, it is now the biggest city in California. It is famous for its modern freeways, its movie stars, and its smog. When the city is really smoggy, you can't see the nearby mountains. The weather is usually dry and warm. Visitors like to go to the film studios and to drive along Hollywood Boulevard. There are some good beaches near the city, and Los Angeles is also close to Disneyland.

Taipei, Taiwan

The history of Taipei began in the eighteenth century. It is now the capital city of Taiwan, and it has about 2.3 million people. It is probably the country's most exciting city, but the weather is humid and not very pleasant.

Taipei is a very busy city, and the streets are always full of people. There is an excellent museum that many tourists visit. Taipei is a fairly expensive city, but not more expensive than some neighboring cities such as Hong Kong and Tokyo. So more and more tourists go to Taipei to shop.

B Complete the chart.

City	Date founded	Population	Weather	Tourist attractions
Budapest	1872	3 million	Very Cold in winter	Boat rides Exciting Nightlife
Los Angeles	1781	3.5. mill.	Dry + Warm Smoggy	Film Studios Hollywood Blvd.
Taipei	18th Cent.	2.3. mill.	Humid / Not very pleasant	Excellent Museums

C Complete the sentences.

1. _Taipei_ is cheaper than other cities nearby.
2. _L.A._ has good beaches nearby.
3. _Budapest_ was once two cities.
4. _Budapest + Taipei_ are both capital cities.

Ask questions about a place you want to visit.
Use can, should, or shouldn't. Ask about:

1. the time to visit

   What time of year should you visit?

2. things to see and do there

   What things can you see and do there?

3. things people shouldn't do

   What things shouldn't people do?

4. special foods

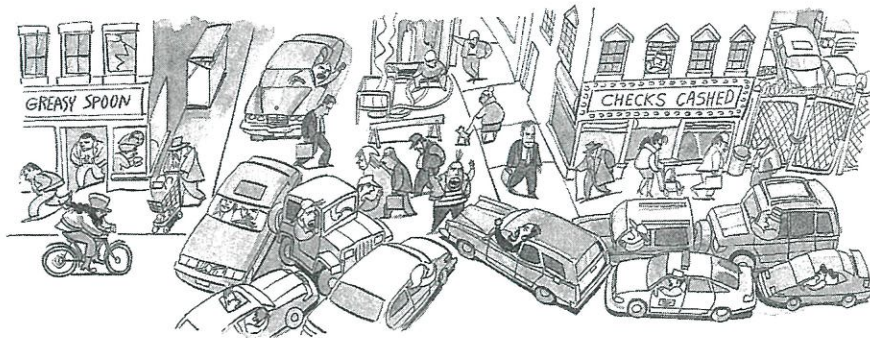   What special foods can you eat?

5. things to buy

   What things should you buy?

6. other interesting things

   What other interesting things should you do?

Rewrite these sentences. Find another way to say each sentence using the words given.

1. It's a stressful city.

   It isn't a relaxing city.   (not relaxing)

2. The streets are always full of people.

   The streets are always crowded   (crowded)

3. It's not a very beautiful city.

   It's a fairly ugly city.   (fairly ugly)

4. When should we visit the city?

   When is a good time to visit the city (a good time)

5. You really should see the flea markets.

   You really shouldn't miss the flea markets (not miss)

6. What can we do there?

   What should we do there.   (should)