

B. Read again and answer the questions.

- When do Canadians celebrate Earth Day?
- How many Canadians take part in Earth Day?
- What do groups of people do on clean-up day?
- Where are they planning to plant 1,000 trees?
- Can children take part in Earth Day?
- What can people build?

3 Grammar

Comparative forms

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE
clean	cleaner
easy	easier
big	bigger
large	larger
important	more important
good	better
bad	worse
far	farther/further
many/much	more

▶ *My room is **cleaner** than my brother's.*

NOTE as+ adjective+as

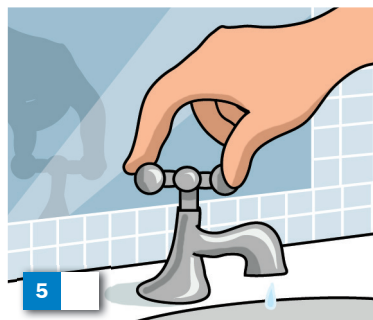
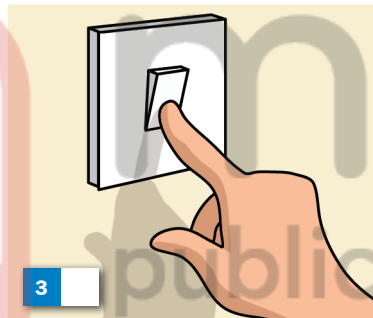
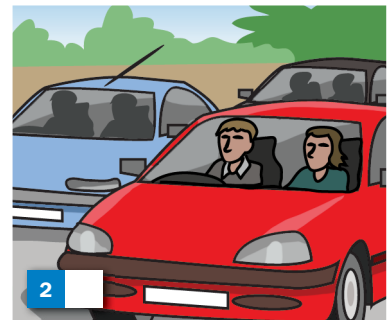
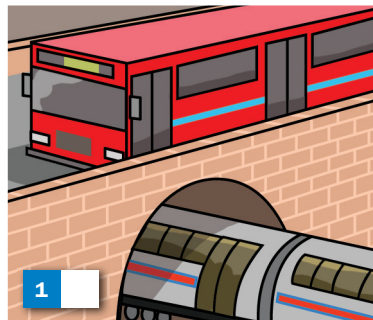
▶ *Maria is **as** beautiful **as** her mother.*

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

- Cities today have got _____ (many) problems than they had 50 years ago.
- The air isn't as _____ (clean) as it used to be.
- Bellview Park is _____ (large) than Belmont Park but it isn't as _____ (large) as Greenfield Park.
- 'Earth Day' is _____ (popular) than other special days in our school.
- My house is _____ (far) from the city centre than Tina's house.

4 Listen

Listen to a radio programme and look at the pictures below. Tick (✓) the topics that are mentioned in the radio programme.



5 Write

Write sentences about how different your city was five years ago. Use the ideas given.

many/parks
streets/clean
many/recycling bins

Five years ago my city was greener than it is today.

OR

Five years ago my city wasn't as green as it is today.

3d Getting around

1 Vocabulary

A. Match the pictures with the phrases. Then, listen and check your answers.



- by tram
- by coach
- by underground
- by helicopter
- by motorbike
- on foot

B. Complete the sentences with the adjectives below. Then, listen and check your answers.

dangerous cheap expensive
popular crowded noisy

- When something costs a lot, it's _____.
- When lots of people like something, it's _____.
- When something makes a lot of noise, it's _____.
- When something doesn't cost a lot, it's _____.
- When there are lots of people in a place, it's _____.
- When something isn't safe, it's _____.

2 Read

A. Read the text quickly and match the paragraphs with the headings below. Then, listen and check your answers.

Taxis **Buses** **Trams** **Underground**



ON THE move

_____ This is probably the cheapest and easiest way to travel around a city. The most famous are the double-deckers in London. They first appeared in the 1950s but now you can find them all over the world in cities like Hong Kong and Las Vegas.

_____ There are 120 around the world. In the USA they call it the *subway*, in Paris the *Metro* and in London the *tube*. The tube has got 287 stations and it's got the oldest tube line in the world. The busiest is in Seoul with more than 3 billion passengers a year.

_____ This is one of the oldest means of city transport. In the beginning, horses pulled them around the city. Then, they used electricity to power them. In some cities they still use them. In Melbourne, there are 50 and about 400,000 people travel on them every day. Of course, today they are more modern.

_____ You can find them in every city. In Mexico City, Athens and New York they are yellow. There are 24,000 cabs in New York and 240 million people use them every year. In London, they are called *Hackney carriages* and they are usually black. In some large cities people use helicopters instead of cars to fly over traffic jams. It's the fastest way to travel around a city but also the most expensive.



- B. Read again and answer the questions.**
1. How many stations has the London Underground got?
 2. Which means of transport is the most expensive to use?
 3. Which is the cheapest to use?
 4. In which cities are taxis yellow?
 5. How did trams use to work in the past?
 6. How many passengers use the Seoul Underground a year?
 7. What are *Hackney carriages*?

3 Grammar

Superlative forms

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
busy	busier	the busiest
hot	hotter	the hottest
large	larger	the largest
modern	more modern	the most modern
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far	farther/further	the farthest/furthest
many/much	more	the most

- **A:** Which is **the most expensive** means of transport? The train, the plane or the bus?
B: The plane, of course! The bus is **the cheapest** of the three.

Complete the sentences with the comparative or the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. My cousin's new flat is _____ (modern) than mine.
2. Barcelona is one of the _____ (beautiful) cities in the world.
3. Today is the _____ (hot) day of the summer.
4. The _____ (good) way to get to the beach is by train.
5. The underground is _____ (crowded) in the mornings than in the afternoons.

4 Listen

Listen to four people talking about means of transport and match the names with the phrases.

- Kyle**
 - wants to get a car.
 - doesn't like travelling on the underground.
- Fiona**
 - is trying to help the environment.
- Mike**
 - uses lots of different means of transport.
- Sandy**

5 Speak

Talk in pairs. Discuss the questions below.

- Which means of transport do you usually use? Why?
- Which means of transport do you like or don't like? Why/Why not?

I usually take the underground. It's fast and cheap. What about you?
I go everywhere by bus, but I don't like it. It's always crowded...

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TOP SKILLS

Places to visit

1 Vocabulary



Label the pictures with the words in the box. Then, listen and check your answers.

castle tower market palace theme park bridge square university skyscraper block of flats



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



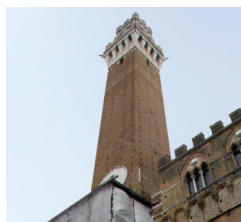
5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____

2 Read



A. Below are two letters. Listen, read and answer the questions.

- Who lives in Krakow?
- Who is visiting Krakow?

Dear Alina,

I've got some great news. My family and I are coming to Poland in July for our holiday. We're spending a weekend in Krakow. It's going to be great! Please tell me about the places and sights we can visit.

See you soon,
Stefanie

P.S. What's the weather like there in July?

Dear Stefanie,

That's fantastic news! I can't wait to see you again. Krakow is an interesting city with lots of things to see and do.

First, there's the magnificent Wawel Royal Castle. It's a museum today and full of beautiful paintings and furniture. Then, we can go to the Central Grand Square. It's one of the largest and most beautiful squares in Europe. Lots of tourists visit it every year. We can visit the 13th century Town Hall Tower. You might like to climb the 100 steps to the top and enjoy the view of the city! We can also go shopping. The Cloth Hall is the world's oldest shopping centre and it's in the square. We can buy lots of souvenirs. Finally, we can go round the Old Town on foot. It's the best way, but we can also ride in a horse carriage or a cycle rickshaw.

Well, I think that's all I can say. Oh yes! July is the hottest month but it sometimes rains in the summer, so you might want to bring an umbrella!

See you in July.

Love,
Alina

