



The World's Most Liveable Cities — Teacher's Notes

Level: B1-B2 (1:1s or groups).

Focus: Discussion, comparing and contrasting, agreeing and disagreeing, social/political vocabulary.

Materials: Worksheets & Video* (optional).

Estimated time: 75-90 minutes.

Suggested procedure

1. (Class) Write the title *The World's Most Liveable Cities* on the board. Tell your class that they will compare cities to live in around the world. Explain the aim of the exercise: to share and discuss ideas as well as to build social/political vocabulary.
2. (Individual) Give Ss. each a copy of the first page of the student handout. Allow them time to read the introduction. Answer any questions and check that they have understood all words.
3. (Individual) Tell Ss. to take a few minutes to complete exercise 1.
4. (Pairs) Split the class into pairs and tell them to compare their answers giving reasons for their choices.
5. (Pairs) Ss. compare their choices with the cities written on the worksheet. Tell the class to order these cities in the box and to give reasons why these may score highly or poorly on the list.**
6. (Individual) Ss. consider the most important criteria for deciding the best quality of living and enter their ideas in a pie chart.***
7. (Pairs) When finished, Ss. explain and compare their charts.
8. (Pairs) Ss. can either compare their ideas with the second page of the handout and answer the questions, or watch the video 'Mercer's 2010 Quality of Living survey highlights'.*

Ideas for own study/homework

Ss. compare their home town and suggest reasons why it is a good place to live. This could be a case-study of a company that is looking to invest in a new region.

* http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_OC322UeqU

** The correct order of the given cities is:

- i. Vienna (No. 1 in 2010).
- ii. Dusseldorf (No. 6. The highest city in Germany).
- iii. Singapore (No. 28. The highest city in Asia).
- iv. Honolulu (No. 31. and highest city in the US).
- v. Bagdad (No. 221. at the bottom of the table. It ranks the lowest of all cities).

The cities pictured are: (left to right) Bagdad, Honolulu and Dusseldorf.

**** Mercer's criteria include: safety, education, hygiene, health care, culture, environment, recreation, political-economic stability and public transportation.