

1 READING

- a Look at the photos of three cities.
Do you know what countries they are in?



- b Read two blogs on a travel website, about people's first impressions of two of these cities. Which two are they?
- c Read the blogs again. Answer with the names of the cities.

Where...?

- 1 do people eat a lot of salt and sugar Atlanta
- 2 do TV shows have subtitles Malmö
- 3 are the days very short in winter Malmö
- 4 do a lot of people have bad habits when they drive Atlanta
- 5 is the city safer than the writer thought Atlanta
- 6 are the houses colorfully painted Malmö
- 7 do you see men taking care of young children Malmö
- 8 do people speak very slowly Atlanta

Travel blogs

September
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Kate in _____

The driving

I think people drive **really dangerously**, which surprised me because I thought they were careful drivers here. They don't drive **fast**, but people are always on the phone in the car, which you don't see much in my country nowadays.



The food

The food can be delicious, but I think people eat **very unhealthily**. In restaurants, they often add salt to their food. And they drink a lot of soda! The headquarters of the Coca-Cola company is based here, and they even have a Coca-Cola museum. Once I went to a coffee shop and asked for a double espresso, no milk and no sugar. I had to repeat my order three times because the waitress couldn't understand me. She said people here only ask for lattes and cappuccinos with a lot of sugar!

The people

In general, people are very friendly. The people I'm staying with, who live just outside the city, know all their neighbors **really well**. They often don't lock their doors, which surprised me because people say it's a dangerous city. They speak **incredibly slowly**, with a strong accent and sometimes I have a problem understanding them.

December
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Mark in _____

The weather

It's December and it gets dark at about 3 p.m., which is depressing! There's a lot of snow right now, but all the buses and trains are running **perfectly**, not like in my country where everything stops when it snows!



The houses

All the houses are painted in pretty colors, like red, green, and blue. And many houses have a yellow and blue flag. Inside, the houses are decorated **beautifully** with a lot of flowers and modern wooden furniture.

The people

People are friendly and polite, but formal. They dress fashionably but casually, and of course, you see a lot of very blond women here. You also see a lot of men who are taking care of very young babies. Everybody speaks English really well, maybe because a lot of the TV is in English with subtitles.