



ENGLISH

Chapter 20 Session A

2nd
SECONDARY

AMAZING PLACES

Superlatives



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SPEAKING

A Day Tour



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Harvard University

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Baked Alaska

How about going to Cambridge next Saturday?

I think it's a good idea. It's in the Boston area and it has one of the a most famous universities, Harvard University. Many famous people were students there!

People say one of b the nicest ways to see the sights is by bike. We can book a bike tour or just rent a bike in town.

Great idea! I've also heard they have c the most delicious Baked Alaskas.



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Baked Alaskas? What are they?

They are d the loveliest sticky treats I've ever tried! They're made of meringue, cake and ice cream, and they look like a baked glacier. You're seriously missing out!

Ok, Baked Alaskas are in... what else can we see there?

The MIT museum! It is a very popular tourist site and one of the most interesting technology museums in the world.

Ok! What do you think about buying the train tickets now?

Let's do it!

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Describing a Place

It's the most famous / interesting / popular place in town.

It's the loveliest/ nicest/ biggest...

What can we see there?

Speaking Task

Write a dialogue between you and a friend who are planning a day trip together.

Step 1

Write a fact file

Where: Personal answer.

To do: Personal answer.

Special treat/ food: Personal answer.

Step 2

Think about questions to ask:

What is there to do there?

What can we see there?

What places can we visit?

What do you think about...?

How about...?

Talk about possible answers:

*It's the best/ most interesting (famous/
popular) / the loveliest/ biggest / smallest /
funniest...*

Great idea!

I'd love to!

Let's go!

Step 3

Write your dialogue.

Step 4

Take turns practicing your dialogue.



Aerial view of the Great Barrier Reef

Traditional Owners of the Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Queensland in Australia, is the world's largest coral reef system. It is composed of 2,900 individual reefs and hundreds of breathtaking tropical islands with some of the world's most beautiful golden beaches. It is considered one of the seven wonders of the natural world and the only living thing on Earth which is visible from space as it stretches 2,300 kilometers from Tropical North Queensland in the north, right down to Bundaberg in the south.






Two tribal indigenous groups of Australia have social, economic and cultural links with the Great Barrier Reef: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Around fifty thousand years ago they established themselves in the area and until now they extract natural resources from the local seacoast. Therefore, the GBR environment is crucial to their cultural values and way of life. These indigenous groups believe they are part of nature: Turtle and fish for instance, are a principal part of their diet. They are also very important during festivities and ceremonies. Marine animals are totems for some groups. A bird or fish may become a family clan emblem. Combs and shells are carved with images of sea creatures. Traditional dancing sometimes imitates marine creatures. Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders help the Marine Park Authority keep the GBR safe as it symbolizes indigenous Australian culture.

Strait Island traditional dancing ►





1  **72** Listen and read. Then choose the correct alternative.

a The Great Barrier Reef is ...

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considered one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.



the only living thing on Earth which can be seen from space.

b Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are two ...

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indigenous groups who inhabit the Great Barrier Reef region.



indigenous groups who settled in New Zealand not too long ago.

c ... are a principal part of their diet.

☐

Farm animals



Fish and turtle

d The Great Barrier Reef environment ...



is represented in traditional dances, totems and objects of locals to this day.



was only important for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders 50,000 years ago.

e Local indigenous groups...



see themselves as part of nature.



believe to be more evolved than nature.

f Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders...



refuse any help from the Marine Park Authority.



help the Marine Park Authority protect the GBR.

- 2** Are there any groups of people historically and culturally representative of your country? Where and how do they live?


Personal
answer.

- 3**  **INTERFACE** Share your findings with your friends.



VOCABULARY 2

Formation of Adverbs

- 1  73 Complete the chart with the adverb form of the adjectives in the box. Then listen and repeat.

angry bad careful easy fast good
happy hard noisy quick quiet

	adjective	adverb
add <i>-ly</i>	careful bad, quick, quiet	carefully badly, quickly, quietly
remove <i>-y</i> , add <i>-ily</i>	angry easy, happy, noisy	angrily easily, happily, noisily
Irregular	fast good, hard	fast well, hard

2 Read the sentence below. Which has an adverb and which has an adjective?

a He drove home carefully. Adverb

b He's a careful driver. Adjective

3 Look at the sentences in activity 2 and choose the correct words to complete the rule.

Adverbs usually go **at the beginning / in the middle / at the end** of a sentence.

4 Order the words to make sentences.

- a works / My / sister / hard / very
My sister works very hard.
- b in / New York / very / speak / People / quickly
People in New York speak very quickly.
- c I / homework / carefully / did / my
I did my homework carefully.
- d badly / I / the / play / guitar
I play the guitar badly.
- e drive / very / fast / People / Italy / in
People in Italy drive very fast.
- f My / speak / can / dad / well / French
My dad can speak French well.



5 Rewrite the sentences using the superlative.



The Eiffel Tower observation deck is higher than any other in Europe.

The Eiffel Tower observation deck is the highest in Europe.

- a Sechin Bajo in Peru is older than any other ruin in the Americas.

Sechin Bajo in Peru is the oldest ruin in the Americas.

- b Ethiopia is hotter than all other African countries.

Ethiopia is the hottest African country.

- c Great Britain is bigger than any other island in Europe.

Great Britain is the biggest island in Europe.

- d Brazil is more populated than any other South American country.

Brazil is the most populated South American country.

- e Karachi is noisier than all other cities in the world.

Karachi is the noisiest city in the world.

- f Mongolia is colder than all countries in Asia.

Mongolia is the coldest country in Asia.

- 6** Write questions with *Which ...?* and a superlative adjective. Then write answers for you.

old building / your town

Which is the oldest building in your town?

The library is the oldest building in my town.

- a** good café / near your house

Which is the best café near your house?

Personal answer.

- b** hot month / your country

Which is the hottest month in your country?

Personal answer.

c expensive clothes store / you know

Which is the most expensive clothes store you know?


Personal answer.

d noisy street / your town

Which is the noisiest street in your town?

Personal answer.

- 7 Complete the text with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.



From: Georgia

To: Mary

Subject: Sicily :)

Hi, Georgia,

I'm on vacation in Sicily. It's a the biggest (big) island in the Mediterranean. It isn't b the quietest (quiet) of them all, and

the beaches here aren't c the most beautiful (beautiful), for example, like some of the beaches on the Greek islands. But the ancient sites and the Greek temples are just d the best (good) to see! In ancient times, from about 800 BC, Greeks lived in Sicily. Agrigento, a world heritage site in the south of Sicily, has e the largest (large) Greek temples outside of Greece. Sicily isn't f the most popular (popular) tourist destination in Italy, but the towns here are g the most interesting (interesting) when you think of a combination of beaches and historical sites. There are some 11th-century buildings in the city of Palermo that have some of the h most wonderful (wonderful) Byzantine

mosaics in the world. In fact, I think Sicily is one of i the most fascinating (fascinating) places in the world. Even if you are not as interested in architecture as me, there are lots of other great things about Sicily. It's one of j the warmest (warm) and k sunniest (sunny) places in Italy. The fruit and vegetables are l the most delicious (delicious) in Europe. The shoe stores are among the m cheapest (cheap) in Italy. And the ice-cream stores have n the most unusual (unusual) flavors in the world. I found a store selling onion-flavored ice cream! Don't worry – I didn't try it! I got the gianduia one (hazelnut and chocolate) instead. See you soon!
Mary

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ATTENTION