

Umming and aahhing

Language focus

- Language for convincing
- Adverbs
- Comparatives

1 a) Selling Barcelona

Discuss how you would sell Barcelona if you were a tour guide.

b) Comparing other cities

- Talk about two different cities: one that you visited recently and one that you visited a long time ago.
- Compare these cities with Barcelona.

Useful language

- *Just recently, I paid my friend in Dubrovnik a lightning visit.*
- *A while ago, I managed to get a weekend away in Athens.*
- *Barcelona feels bigger than Dublin, but I think it's actually smaller.*
- *I'm afraid Barcelona is far more polluted than anywhere else I've visited!*
- *Rome has by far and away the most tourists of all the cities we've talked about.*

Useful language

- *Barcelona is incredibly exciting!*
- *If you love the heat, Barcelona is absolutely roasting!*
- *Its modernist architecture is breathtakingly beautiful.*



2**Time to decide!**

Go back to some of the cities you talked about in Exercise 1, including Barcelona. Use the adjectives below to compare those cities and the people who live there. Which of the cities is the most attractive? Can you agree?

spotless	optimistic	sophisticated
sprawling	fun-loving	reserved
cosmopolitan	ambitious	hectic
cheap	sceptical	run down

3**Leaving it all behind**

One of you decides that they want to leave the city and go and live in a very small village in the hills. Defend that decision, whatever anyone else says!

Useful language

- *I'll be able to work online.*
- *I'll sleep and breathe better.*
- *I'll get myself a dog.*
- *I'll grow my own vegetables.*
- *You'll miss all your friends.*
- *You'll get totally bored.*
- *You'll have to use your car all the time to go shopping.*
- *You'll be miles away from the nearest hospital.*



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Open discussion

Discuss some of the statements below. Some of you have to defend the answer “yes” and the others have to defend the answer “no”.

- Sexism is actually getting worse.
- As you grow older, you get wiser.
- If you're a city person, you'll never really adapt to country life.
- A beach holiday on the Costa Brava is more relaxing than a hiking holiday in the Pyrenees.

