

The Youthful CITIES INDEX

The Youthful Cities Index have ranked the biggest cities in the world according to how **youth-friendly** they are. 'Youth' is defined as people aged fifteen to twenty-nine and over 1,500 participants from around the world helped to compile the list.

1 Toronto

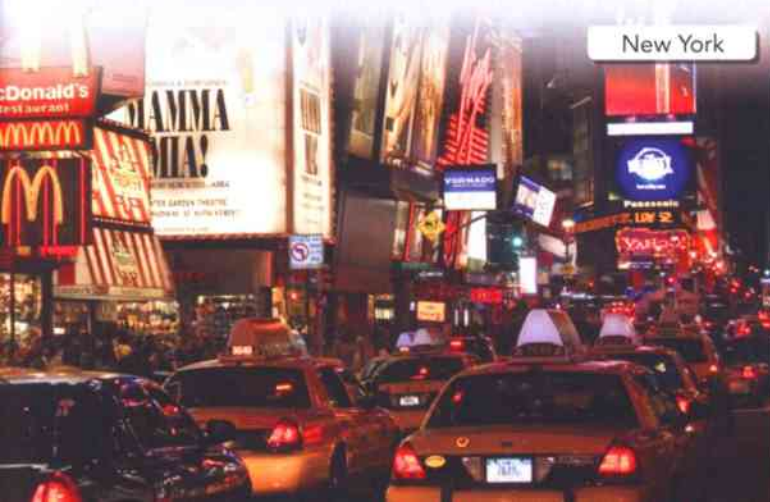
In first place is Canada's largest city, with a population of 2.7 million. The city's **most famous landmark** is the CN Tower, which, at 553 metres tall, is one of the world's tallest buildings. In Toronto there's a large student population who **benefit from** the vibrant nightlife. Toronto **prides itself on** its wide range of cultures, languages, food and arts. Almost half of its population are immigrants, so you can find world-class restaurants serving **mouth-watering food** from every country you can think of. Public transport is great, with **a reliable network of** buses, streetcars (trams) and underground.

2 Berlin

Berlin could be the coolest city in the world! People are open-minded and easy-going, and Berliners welcome visitors with open arms. The city boasts an incredible arts and music scene – the nightlife starts late and never ends. There are hundreds of nightclubs, **packed with** partygoers every night of the week. Nightlife is affordable, as is accommodation and transport. The city is flat and **easy to get around** by bike. But there is also a state-of-the-art public transport system. Berlin is **steeped in** history, and the **historical heart of** the city is the area called Mitte. Most of the main sights are **within walking distance of** the centre. Finally, Berlin's **best kept secrets** are the beautiful lakes, canals and parks.

3 New York

Located at the mouth of the Hudson River, there is no place like New York with its **iconic skyline**. There's a first-class music scene: hip-hop was invented here! There is a huge number of theatres: more than 400 in total. In summer, this cosmopolitan city is full of free cultural activities like public art installations, museum nights and live music. The **bustling city of** New York is **renowned for** its traffic jams, but unlike other cities where the subway closes at night, the NY subway runs twenty-four hours a day. New York isn't the cheapest place to live, but this is **offset by** high salaries and good youth employment.



New York

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WORD STORE 3A

- 6 **CD-1.41 MP3-41** Complete WORD STORE 3A with the phrases in red in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 7 Complete the questions with prepositions. Then read the text again and answer the questions.
 - 1 What do Toronto students benefit _____?
 - 2 What does Toronto pride itself _____?
 - 3 What sort of people are Berlin nightclubs packed _____?
 - 4 What is Berlin steeped _____?
 - 5 What problem is New York renowned _____?
 - 6 What are New York's living costs offset _____?

WORD STORE 3B

- 8 **CD-1.42 MP3-42** Complete WORD STORE 3B with adjectives from the underlined collocations in the text and in Exercise 3. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 9 **CD-1.43 MP3-43** In pairs, put the lines of a teenager's views into the correct order. Then listen and check.

At the moment I'm living in a **leafy** ☐
skyline of gleaming skyscrapers. I'd live in an **inner-city** ☐
city with a multi-cultural population and an **iconic** ☐
food, modern art, good music and **vibrant** ☐
neighbourhood of a picturesque town with **quaint** ☐
little backstreets. It's so boring! I dream of a **bustling** ☐
area where I could enjoy **mouth-watering** ☐
nightlife. I'll go mad if I stay here! ☐

- 10 Use the collocations in WORD STORE 3B to give your own views – negative or positive – about where you live.

WORD STORE 3C

- 11 **CD-1.44 MP3-44** Complete WORD STORE 3C with more adjective-noun collocations. Then listen, check and repeat. Write an example sentence for one collocation in each pair.

WORD STORE 3D

- 12 **CD-1.45 MP3-45** Complete WORD STORE 3D with the highlighted phrases in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.
- 13 In pairs, complete the sentences about places in your country. Then compare your sentences with other pairs. Do they agree with your opinions?
 - 1 _____ is my local city's best kept secret.
 - 2 The most famous landmark in my area is _____.
 - 3 _____ has a very reliable network of _____.
 - 4 _____ is within walking distance of this school.
 - 5 _____ is easy to get around by bike.
 - 6 The most youth-friendly city in my country is _____.