

READING

1 Culture

TV show REVIEW

● A Skim the review. What's José's opinion of the show?

- a He loves it.
- b He thinks it's frightening.
- c He thinks Japanese is boring.

Shōgun

by José Guerrero

The TV series *Shōgun* begins in seventeenth-century Japan, when the people from a Japanese village see a broken ship in the ocean. The men on the ship are frightened that they will die. Then the ship's navigator, John Blackthorne, meets an important Japanese man, Lord Toranaga.

At first they don't understand or like each other. Their cultures and languages are different. The Japanese think that Blackthorne is dirty and rude. He thinks that they are strange and not friendly. But a Japanese woman, Mariko, teaches Blackthorne her language so he can speak to Toranaga. They begin to understand each other and

Blackthorne helps Toranaga with a difficult problem he has. There is also a love story between Mariko and Blackthorne.

Shōgun shows the experience of culture shock very well. I know that feeling when you don't understand a language or culture!

But my friends think the show is terrible because a lot of people die and there is a lot of blood. The actors also talk in Japanese a lot, and my friends think that is boring.

I think these things make the story real. The actors are great and the countryside, buildings, and clothes are beautiful. It's a fantastic show!



LOST FOR WORDS?

culture shock (n) the feeling of confusion you may feel in a country or place you do not know well

navigator (n) the person on a ship who decides the direction the ship travels

● B Skim the review again. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Toranaga is a Japanese **village** / lord.
- 2 Mariko **helps** / **doesn't help** Blackthorne.
- 3 José **understands** / **doesn't understand** culture shock.
- 4 José's friends **like** / **don't like** blood.

● C Scan the review. Choose T (true) or F (false).

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| 1 The men on the ship are afraid. | T / F |
| 2 Blackthorne thinks the Japanese are dirty. | T / F |
| 3 Toranaga speaks English. | T / F |
| 4 Mariko loves Toranaga. | T / F |
| 5 José thinks the actors are terrible. | T / F |
| 6 In the show, Japan looks pretty. | T / F |

Adjectives for expressing OPINIONS

A Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 This soup is **delicious** / **pretty**.
- 2 I love spending time with you. You're really **boring** / **funny**!
- 3 I've taken some beautiful photos. Everything's so **terrible** / **pretty**.
- 4 It rained every day on my vacation. The weather was **fantastic** / **terrible**.
- 5 Nobody spoke to us there. They weren't at all **friendly** / **strange**.
- 6 I had a **strange** / **delicious** dream last night—I was on Mars!

B Complete the sentences with words from the box.

boring	delicious	fantastic	friendly
funny	pretty	strange	terrible

- 1 We ate everything because it was all
- 2 This new comedy show doesn't make me laugh—it just isn't
- 3 The movie was so long and I fell asleep!
- 4 I've never seen anything like that before—it's just not normal, it's really
- 5 Don't go to see that movie, it's not just bad, it's!
- 6 I had the best vacation—it was!
- 7 We just arrived in town but the people are so we feel at home.
- 8 I love this garden. Those beautiful flowers make it so

C Complete the story with words from the box.

boring delicious fantastic friendly funny pretty strange terrible



I had an unusual experience yesterday—it was quite ¹..... I stopped for lunch in a tourist town. The people were not at all ²..... and went into their houses. The houses were ³..... with nice colors, but there was nothing to do. It was a really ⁴..... town. In the end I found a café. The server was quite ⁵..... and made me laugh. Then he brought me a ⁶..... meal. In fact, the whole experience was ⁷..... I decided it wasn't such a ⁸..... town after all!

Comparatives with (NOT) AS ... AS

A Choose the correct options to complete the conversation.



Clara: Hey, what should we do today—how about going to the science museum?

Anna: That's so boring—it ¹ **isn't interesting as / isn't as interesting as** the art museum. But I'd prefer to do something outside. How about the craft market?

Clara: Well, for shopping, I don't think the market is ² **as fun than / as fun as** the mall—let's go there!

Anna: No, it's a sunny day, I don't want to be inside. How about the park?

Clara: Tomorrow will be just ³ **sunny than / as sunny as** today. And the mall is great fun too.

Anna: Yes, but the park ⁴ **isn't as expensive as / is expensive as** the mall! And I'm not ⁵ **as rich as / rich as** you!

B Complete the opinions with *(not) as ... as* and the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 Japanese food is almost (*delicious*) Italian food.
- 2 I think American TV is (*not interesting*) Mexican TV.
- 3 Her latest movie is (*not funny*) the last one.
- 4 His dog is (*friendly*) my cat!
- 5 I got some new shoes but they're just (*uncomfortable*) the old ones!
- 6 I thought he was different but he's (*boring*) his brother!

C Write sentences comparing the two cities using *(not) as ... as* and the information in the chart.

	NEW YORK	LONDON
How about the food?	★★★★★	★★★★★
How big is it?	790 km ²	1,572 km ²
How old is it?	1664 CE	43 CE
How expensive is it?	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$

- 1 Food in London isn't as delicious as food in New York.
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A conversation about
A TRIP

- A** 1.1 Listen to a conversation between two friends. Then complete the sentences with words from the box. There is one word you do not need.

strange	pretty	fantastic	boring
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- 1 Pooja had a trip to India.
- 2 Pooja felt because she couldn't understand her relatives.
- 3 Pooja thought the colors of the Holi festival were

- B** Listen again to Pooja and Daniel discussing Pooja's trip. Complete the sentences with one word.

- 1 Pooja's mom is from
- 2 She visited her aunt and uncle for weeks.
- 3 She went to India in the
- 4 Pooja also took a trip and visited an old palace.
- 5 Her cousins taught her a traditional

- C** Listen once again and choose the word Pooja uses to describe her opinion of each experience.

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| 1 not being able to talk to her family | terrible / fantastic / boring |
| 2 having paint on her face | funny / strange / pretty |
| 3 people on the street | boring / funny / friendly |
| 4 the Holi festival | fantastic / fun / strange |
| 5 views on the boat trip | pretty / fantastic / terrible |
| 6 the old palace | boring / fun / strange |
| 7 learning a traditional dance | delicious / fantastic / fun |



Cultural ACTIVITIES

A Find the cultural activities in the word search.

amusement park art museum boat ride comedy show
concert cooking class live theater local festival
make jewelry make pottery outdoor market sports event

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K	M	A	K	E	J	E	W	E	L	R	Y	K	O	O
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B Match the activities with the photos.

go to a sports event take a cooking class take a boat ride
see live theater visit an outdoor market learn to make pottery



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C Choose the correct verb to complete the sentences.

- When I'm on vacation I always try to **go** / **visit** to a music festival.
- She likes to **take** / **visit** the local museum every weekend.
- Chris loves to **see** / **visit** live theater when he can.
- This summer I want to **learn** / **take** to make jewelry.
- The lake is beautiful—you should **go to** / **take** a boat ride.
- This tastes terrible, I have to **take** / **see** a cooking class!

SUPERLATIVES

A Choose the correct superlative form to complete the fun facts.

<div> × − + </div> DID YOU KNOW? <div>≡</div>	
1 The most fast / fastest car reached 1,227.985 kilometers per hour in Nevada in 1997.	6 The most famous / more famous painting is the <i>Mona Lisa</i> , with 10 million visitors a year.
2 The most cold / coldest place where people live is in Russia (it can be -70°C).	7 Who are the tallest / the taller people in the world? Dutch men (average 1.84 m).
3 The most popular / more popular country for tourists is ... France!	8 Colombia has the bigger / the biggest number of butterfly species in the world.
4 What's the more flat / flattest place in the world? Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia!	9 The driest / most dry place in the world is the Atacama Desert in Chile.
5 San Marino, formed in 301 CE, is the older / the oldest country.	10 The most sunny / sunniest place in the world? It's Yuma, in Arizona, US.

B Daniel really loves his city. Read the text and correct the five underlined mistakes with superlatives.

Come to my city! I think it is ¹ most beautiful city in the world. It has a sunny climate and ² the more best restaurants. The people here are ³ the friendliest and I think we have ⁴ the more fantastic food. The hotel rooms are usually big and comfortable. Outside the city there are beautiful mountains and the ocean is blue. Our beaches are ⁵ the most clean in the world!



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C Complete the email with the superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

I need to tell you about Lisa's fantastic new apartment! It isn't ¹
 (big) she could buy, but it's in ² (expensive) area of the city, with
³ (old) and ⁴ (interesting) buildings, and
 the ⁵ (beautiful) parks. It's in ⁶ (central)
 part of the city and ⁷ (safe). She has all ⁸
 (popular) stores and the ⁹ (good) museums nearby. She's
¹⁰ (lucky) person I know!

Talking about CULTURE

- **A** 1.2 Listen to two friends talking. Complete the conversation with one word in each blank.



Seiko: So you're leaving for Tokyo tomorrow—that's fantastic!

Nelson: Yes, it's a great opportunity for me, but I hope I don't make mistakes. I guess some things are ¹ **from** here.

Seiko: You'll love it! What are you worried about?

Nelson: Well, I know we aren't as formal as you are, Seiko. So how do I greet my new colleagues, for example? Is it ² **to** what we do here?

Seiko: Well, don't hug or kiss anyone in Japan and you'll be OK! You have to learn to bow. And never use a person's first name. But you can shake hands, ³ **like** here.

Nelson: OK, and what about tipping?

Seiko: Oh, that's **not the** ⁴ **as** here. We never tip in Japan. We think it's rude.

Nelson: Wow, OK! What else?

Seiko: Hmm, well, also we aren't as noisy as you. Don't talk loudly in the street. Just be polite, as polite as me, and you'll be fine!

- **B** Listen again. Which things are the same for Nelson? Which will be different?

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| 1 greeting someone | same / different |
| 2 shaking hands | same / different |
| 3 tipping | same / different |
| 4 talking in the street | same / different |

- **C** Practice the conversation. Record yourself.

PRONUNCIATION

Adjective STRESS

- **A** 1.3 Listen to four people share their opinions about differences and similarities. Choose the stressed words in each sentence.

- 1 I think Canadians are as friendly as Italians.
- 2 Jazz is not as popular as rock music.
- 3 I don't think French food is as delicious as Mexican food.
- 4 Horror movies are not as interesting as sci-fi movies.

- **B** Listen again and repeat the sentences.

● **A** Complete the email with *because* or *so*.

New Message

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To: marco@mail.com

Subject: Plans

Hi Marco,

I can't wait for you to get here next week! I have to work on Tuesday and Wednesday, ¹ I'm emailing you some ideas for activities for those days.

On Tuesday morning you could take a bus ride around the city ² you can see the most important sights. I suggest you visit the Natural History Museum ³ I know you love dinosaurs. You should buy a ticket online ⁴ it gets really busy. Then in the evening I've reserved a restaurant ⁵ you can see how delicious our local food is!

On Wednesday, how about learning to make pottery? It's a popular activity for tourists ⁶ it's such an important part of our culture. In the afternoon you should visit the castle ⁷ I think it's the most beautiful building in the city.

What do you think? Let me know and I can reserve everything for you.

See you next week!

Camila

Send

B Plan activities for a friend who is coming to stay with you. Write some suggestions.

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● **C** Write your own email to your friend. Share your ideas. Link the ideas with *because* or *so*.

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