**Liveability for young people**

Deciding on the liveability of a place can often depend on what criteria are used to determine liveability. Liveability decisions can also vary depending on whose view is being expressed.

1. Review your list from an earlier lesson of what you like about the place where you live. Do you think your parents or grandparents would have the same list? Why?

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| I think my parents would agree with me on some places but for my grandparents I think they would only agree with me on one city and that is Da Nang. |
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1. Place a tick in the right column below to indicate the criteria you think would be used in a survey of young people to decide the most liveable city.

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| Criteria | X |
| Availability of libraries | X |
| Access to aged care facilities |  |
| Digital access | X |
| Music and film venues | X |
| Availability of employment opportunities | X |
| Restaurants and night clubs | X |
| Affordable transport | X |
| A safe environment | X |
| Shopping centres |  |
| Availability of community centres |  |
| Hospitals with advanced heart medical facilities |  |
| Access to in-home nursing care |  |
| Sporting venues | X |
| Affordable housing | X |

A recent survey of young people, the ***Youthful Cities Index***,used the ages 15 to 29 as its definition of ‘*young people*’. Other surveys treat ‘young’ people as people in their 20s and 30s. The ***Youthful Cities Index*** gathered its data by conducting an online survey of 1500 people which required them to tick boxes to respond to various questions. The ***Youthful Cities Index*** rated Toronto in Canada as the most liveable city for young people in 2013. 25 cities were compared using 80 indicators across 16 categories, covering everything from diversity and civic participation to transportation, affordability, employment, entrepreneurship and environmental sustainability.

Another survey, ***list25,*** rated Vienna, in Austria, the most liveable city for young people in 2013. The reasons given for this choice included its history, culture, economy and environment, and that it was rated highest because it has been regarded as the most liveable city in the world by a number of other surveys.

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1. Why might you expect the results or conclusions from surveys of people aged in their 20s and 30s to be different from those of people aged 15 to 29?

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| People tend to work from the age 24 so they will have more money so they don’t have to worry about money as much as people aged 15 to 29. Also, if they have more money they could do things that people aged 15 to 29 wouldn’t do that costs more money. |
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1. Which of these statements about the ***Youthful Cities*** survey of 25 cities and 1500 people would you agree with if you were judging the reliability of this survey?

* There are too many cities in the survey to be a good indication of young people’s views.
* Choosing only 25 cities to survey limits the views of young people regarding the liveability of cities worldwide.
* The opinions of 1500 young people would represent the views of most young people worldwide.

1. Would the Youthful Cities and list25 surveys be mostly subjective or objective?

* Subjective
* Objective

Reason for response:

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| It would be mostly subjective because these surveys rely on the perception of the 1500 people. |
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