

CPI2 THE UK AND IRELAND: SCOTLAND

LISTENING COMPREHENSION : Scottish cities: <http://www.ello.org/english/1001/1047-Rachel-Scotland.htm>

Rachel talks about two Scottish cities, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

As you listen, take notes on the differences between the two cities. Consider the following:

Size

Climate

Industry

Employment

Culture

People

Vocabulary

Now look at the transcript and find the words that correspond to the following definitions:

- a) Nervous about showing your feelings:
- b) A suffix meaning “in terms of”:
- c) The inhabitants of Glasgow:
- d) In very bad condition; that has not been taken care of:
- e) Too cold to be comfortable (or, in another context, “not very friendly”):

In the second part, Rachel goes on to talk about accommodation and transportation in Glasgow.

Glasgow around and about: <http://www.ello.org/english/1001/1048-Rachel-Glasgow.htm>

What sort of accommodation and transport does she recommend?

What are the colours she mentions and why?

Transcript

Matt: So, Rachel, where are you from?

Rachel: I'm from Scotland.

Matt: Okay, Okay. Scotland like, what's the biggest city in Scotland would you say?

Rachel: The capital city is Edinburgh but the biggest city, size-**wise** and population-**wise** is Glasgow.

Matt: Okay and you lived in ...? Did you live in one of those two cities?

Rachel: My grandparents lived in Edinburgh and I lived in Glasgow for quite a while at university.

Matt: Okay. I'm under the impression that there's a lot of rain in that area. Is that true or?

Rachel: Yeah, pretty much.

Matt: Yeah, we both come from rainy climates.

Rachel: Yeah, the West Coast of Scotland gets more rain than the east coast, so it's Glasgow that gets more rain than Edinburgh but Edinburgh has this very bitter cold wind, and it's really **chilly**.

Matt: All year round or just in the winter?

Rachel: No, pretty much all year round. Yeah.

Matt: Interesting. Tell me about Glasgow. What kind of city is it?

Rachel: Glasgow? When I was a kid was actually sort of very **run down**, and it used to be famous for boat building and industry. But yeah, when I was a kid, I mean it was famous for being a very rough town and lots of unemployment. Lots of social problems, and then it just went through a kind of renaissance and got lots of money from the European Union and then the town just totally transformed. When I go back it's so different.

Matt: How is it different? Is it like more of a center for art than it was? Or is it ...? Like what's different?

Rachel: It did become a city of culture. And I think that reflects the sort of liveliness of the people of Glasgow. Like they're just, they have such a good sense of humor. They're very friendly. Quite different from Edinburgh where they're much more reserved I think.

Matt: People are a little **uptight**.

Rachel: Yes, yes, so .. not uptight but they're not so friendly as **Glaswegians**.

Matt: Glaswegians!

Rachel: Yes.