

Los pros de mi ciudad: The pros of my city

Lo mejor de mi ciudad es que...	The best thing about my city is that...
Hay tantas diversiones	there are so many things to do
El transporte público es muy bueno	The public transport is very good
Las tiendas están cerca	The shops are near
Hay tantas posibilidades de trabajo	There are so many job opportunities
Es tan fácil desplazarse	It's so easy to get around
Hay una red fiable de transporte público	There is a reliable public transport network
Hay tanto que hacer para los jóvenes y los turistas	There's so much to do for young people and tourists
Hay muchos edificios históricos	There are many historic buildings

En el campo: In the countryside

La vida es más saludable y relajada	Life is more healthy and relaxed
No hay tanta industría	There is not so much industry
Hay bastante desempleo/paro	There is quite a lot of unemployment
No hay tanto que hacer	There is not so much to do
Conozco a todos mis vecinos	I know all my neighbours
Es tan pintoresco	It's so picturesque

Los contras de mi ciudad: The cons of my city

Lo peor es que...	The worst thing is that...
El centro es tan ruidoso	The centre is so noisy
Hay tanto tráfico Hay tantos coches	There's so much traffic There are so many cars
Hay tantas fábricas	There are so many factories
Hay pocos espacios verdes	There are few green spaces
Se lleva una vida tan frenética	Life is so frenetic
La gente no se conoce	People don't know each other

Cambios en mi ciudad: Past changes in my city

Antes, mi barrio era feo	Before, my suburb was ugly
Pero había tantos empleos	But there were so many jobs
Ahora, han plantado más árboles	Now, they have planted more trees
Han contruido un polideportivo	They have built a sports centre
Han renovado el ayuntamiento	They have renovated the town hall
Han abierto una bolera	They have opened a bowling alley
Han creado un buen ambiente	They have created a good atmosphere

Como mejorar la ciudad: How to improve the city

Necesitamos más... zonas peatonales zonas verdes rutas para bicis	We need more... pedestrian areas green areas cycle paths
Renovaría algunos edificios antiguos	I would renovate some old buildings
Renovaría las zonas deterioradas en las afueras	I would renovate dilapidated areas on the outskirts
Mejoraría el sistema de transporte	I would improve the transport system
Pondría/Crearía más áreas de ocio	I would put in / create more leisure areas
Construiría un nuevo centro comercial	I would build a new shopping centre
Invertiría en el turismo	I would invest in tourism
Controlaría el ruido	I would limit the noise

Grammar Point: The Conditional Tense

Most verbs in the conditional translate as 'would'. You already know **me gustaría** (I would like). To form the conditional, add the imperfect endings of *-er/-ir* verbs to the infinitive:

mejorar ía	I would improve
mejorar ías	you would improve
mejorar ía	he/she/you (polite) would improve
mejorar íamos	we would improve
mejorar íais	you (plural) would improve
mejorar ían	they/you (plural, polite) would improve

decir	→	<i>diría</i> (I would say)
haber	→	<i>habría</i> (there would be)
hacer	→	<i>haría</i> (I would do)
poder	→	<i>podría</i> (I would be able to)
poner	→	<i>pondría</i> (I would put)