

COMPARATIVE OF SUPERIORITY

A. Which of the adjectives below do you associate with the city and which with the countryside?



CITY LIFE

- safe
- peaceful
- big
- exciting
- relaxing
- healthy
- fast
- lonely
- dangerous
- polluted
- crowded
- stressful
- helpful
- busy
- noisy
- expensive
- clean
- boring

COUNTRY LIFE

B. Let's learn how to compare people/things using the **COMPARATIVE OF SUPERIORITY**:

For **short** (one syllable) adjectives or adjectives ending in "y" we just add "(e)r" to the adjective:

⇒ small – **smaller**

⇒ close – **closer**

⇒ friendly – **friendlier**

(note that the "y" changes to "i")

For **long** (two or more syllables) adjectives we add "more" before the adjective:

⇒ interesting – **more interesting**

⇒ famous – **more famous**

(note that the adjectives do **not** change)

We need to use "than" when we mention both the people/things we are comparing:

⇒ Life is **quieter** in the country **than** in the city.

C. Now use the adjectives in (A) and complete the sentences using the comparative of superiority.

- The air in the country is _____ but in the city it is _____.
- City life is _____ because there are plenty of things you can do. This is why living in the country can be _____.
- Cities are _____ than villages and _____ because more people live there.
- People in the city may feel _____ because they don't have time for each other.
- In the country there is less crime, so people feel _____. In the city life is _____.
- The cost of living is _____ in the city.
- There is a strong sense of community in the country and neighbours are usually _____.
- There is less pollution in the country and so people have a _____ life.
- It's quieter and _____ in the country. It is _____ in the city because of the traffic.
- In the city there is more confusion and so living there can be _____. Life in the country is much _____ than in the city.
- People seem to be _____ in the city because they are always working and running around.
- Life in the city is _____ - in the country life moves a bit slower.