

PART 11 Comparisons

UNIT

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The Comparative

EXERCISE 1 COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Put a check (✓) next to the statements that are true.

- ☒ 1. New York has a bigger population than Boston.
- ☐ 2. Los Angeles is farther from New York than Chicago is.
- ☐ 3. Boston has warmer winters than Miami.
- ☐ 4. San Francisco is an older city than New York.
- ☐ 5. Los Angeles has milder winters than Chicago.
- ☐ 6. Libraries are noisier than nightclubs.
- ☐ 7. Bicycles are more expensive than motorcycles.
- ☐ 8. Trains are faster than planes.
- ☐ 9. Adults are younger than children.
- ☐ 10. Driving is more dangerous than walking.

EXERCISE 2 COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Put the words from the box in the correct columns.

big	dangerous	fast	hot	noisy
careful	diverse	friendly	intelligent	old
comfortable	easy	heavy	long	pretty
crowded	expensive	high	messy	small

One Syllable	Two Syllables	Three or Four Syllables
big	careful	comfortable

EXERCISE 3 COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Complete the sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

1. That city is old, but this city is older.
2. That port is beautiful, but this port is _____.
3. The climate in Baltimore is mild, but the climate in Miami is _____.
4. Boston is big, but Chicago is _____.
5. That neighborhood is diverse, but this neighborhood is _____.
6. The train station is far, but the airport is _____.
7. Tom is intelligent, but his brother is _____.
8. The service at that restaurant is bad, but the food is _____.
9. My sister is messy, but my brother is _____.
10. This chair is comfortable, but that chair is _____.
11. My husband is careful, but his father is _____.
12. This picture is pretty, but that picture is _____.
13. Chemistry is difficult, but physics is _____.
14. This exercise is easy, but the last exercise was _____.
15. That book is good, but this book is _____.

EXERCISE 4 COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses and *than*.

1. San Francisco is smaller than New York.
(big / small)
2. The Nile River is _____ the Mississippi River.
(long / short)
3. A Mercedes is _____ a Volkswagen.
(cheap / expensive)
4. An ocean is _____ a lake.
(big / small)
5. Mountains are _____ hills.
(low / high)
6. Egypt is _____ Canada.
(cold / hot)
7. Skiing is _____ golf.
(safe / dangerous)

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8. Cities are _____ villages.
(crowded / empty)
9. Cars are _____ bicycles.
(noisy / quiet)
10. A rock is _____ a leaf.
(heavy / light)
11. Rabbits are _____ snails.
(slow / fast)
12. Dogs are _____ wolves.
(friendly / unfriendly)

EXERCISE 5 COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Write questions. Use the comparative form of the adjectives. Then answer the questions.

- your mother / old / or / young / your father
Is your mother older or younger than your father? She is younger. or She's older.
- which / difficult / English / your language
Which is more difficult, English or your language? English.
- this book / cheap / or / expensive / your notebook

- your country / big / or / small / Canada

- your English pronunciation / good / or / bad / last year

- which / healthy / coffee / tea

- which / nice / dinner at home / dinner in a restaurant

- which / interesting / a book / a movie based on a book

EXERCISE 6 EDITING

Correct the conversation. There are six mistakes. The first mistake is already corrected.
Find and correct five more.

- A: I'm thinking about moving to Brighton. Apartments there are ~~more~~ cheaper.
- B: Brighton will be less convenient. It is more far from your job.
- A: Yeah, but not a lot. I can take the highway, so my commute won't be much long.
- B: The highway is busier from the small streets you use now.
- A: But there are no traffic lights on the highway. Besides, I don't go to work until 10 a.m. The traffic is badder from 7 to 9.
- B: Well, I hope you find a nice place. It's probably more easy to find something now.