

Comparatives

- 1- SPEAKING. Describe the pictures. Which is New York and which is Los Angeles? How do you know?



- 2- Read the internet forum. Which city should Cassie choose, in your opinion?

@Cassie I'm planning a short holiday in the USA. Should I visit New York or LA? Can I have some advice, please?

@Grace What do you want to do? LA is a more relaxing city. It has wider streets and lower buildings than New York. New York is bigger and noisier. People call it 'the city that never sleeps'.

@Jack When are you going? The climate in Los Angeles is better, I reckon – winters are sunnier and summers are more comfortable.

@Ben Do you like flying? For Europeans, Los Angeles is further than New York: the flight is four hours longer.

- 3- Read the LEARN THIS! Box. Then complete the table below with comparative forms from the text in exercise 2.

LEARN THIS! **Comparative adjectives**

a We can compare two things using a comparative adjective and *than*:
Today is warmer than yesterday.

b We can also use a comparative form before a noun:
We're looking for a bigger house.

Short adjective	Comparative	Rule
long	1 _____	+ -er
big	2 _____	double consonant + -er
sunny	3 _____	-y → -ier
wide	4 _____	+ -r
Long adjective	Comparative	Rule
comfortable	5 _____	more + adjective
Irregular adjective	Comparative	
good	6 _____	
far	7 _____	
bad	worse	

4- Write sentences comparing New York and Los Angeles. Use information from the text in exercise 2 and the comparative form of these adjectives.

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| a. Be / small | <u>Los Angeles is smaller than New York.</u> |
| b. Be / quiet | _____ |
| c. Have / narrow / streets | _____ |
| d. Have / tall / buildings | _____ |
| e. Have / bad / climate | _____ |
| f. Be / near | _____ |

5- Write questions about the cities below using the comparative form of the adjectives.

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| a. Large / Moscow or Paris? | <u>Which is larger, Moscow or Paris?</u> |
| b. Polluted / Warsaw or Mexico City? | _____ |
| c. Expensive / Prague or Tokyo? | _____ |
| d. Sunny / Cairo or Istanbul? | _____ |
| e. Safe / Cape Town or New York? | _____ |
| f. Crowded / Athens or Lisbon? | _____ |
| g. Dry / London or Milan? | _____ |

6- Answer the questions in exercise 5

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7- Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.

- The afternoons are sunnier than the mornings.
 - The shops in the town centre are more expensive the shops in the shopping centre.
 - I enjoy maths, but I'm gooder at English.
 - The houses are more expensive and more larger in the west of the city.
 - Big cities are always more exciting that small cities.
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8- SPEAKING. Compare places that you know. Use the comparative form of the adjectives below.

attractive busy exciting expensive noisy
rainy safe small sunny warm

I think Budapest is more attractive than ...

I agree. / I disagree. I think ...