

1 GRAMMAR

Comparatives and superlatives

COMPARATIVES	
SUPERIORITY Short: ADJ-ER + THAN Long: MORE + ADJ + THAN	A car is faster than a bike. John is more intelligent than Peter.
INFERIORITY LESS + ADJ + THAN	France is less big than Brazil.
EQUALITY AS + ADJ + AS	I'm as strong as you.
SUPERLATIVES	
SUPERIORITY Short: THE + ADJ-EST Long: THE MOST + ADJ	This is the cheapest hotel I found. She's the most interested in this topic.
INFERIORITY THE LEAST + ADJ	Could you buy the least expensive phone?

- a Read the information in the table about London, New York and Rome. Complete sentences 1–8 with the correct forms of the adjectives in brackets.

	London	New York	Rome
Average max. daily temperature: January	8°C	3°C	12°C
Average max. daily temperature: July	23°C	29°C	30°C
Population	8.5 million	8.3 million	2.7 million
Size	1,500 km ²	800 km ²	1,300 km ²
Average hotel price	\$200	\$220	\$180

- In July London isn't as warm as New York. (warm)
- Rome is the hottest city in July. (hot)
- New York is colder than London in January. (cold)
- Rome is less cold than New York in February. (cold)
- Rome has the smallest population. (small)
- Rome isn't as big as London. (big)
- London is larger than New York. (large)
- Hotels in New York are more expensive than hotels in Rome. (expensive)

- b Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- job / as / isn't / new / my old one / interesting / my / as .
My new job isn't as interesting as my old one.
- film / it's / the / seen / exciting / ever / I've / most / I think .
I've seen the most exciting film of all time.
- happier / is / ever / she's / than / my sister / been .
My sister has been happier than I am.
- to understand her / more / she speaks / quickly / because / you / it's hard / than .
It's harder for me to understand her than she speaks.
- one of / best / he / the USA / universities / to / in / went / the .
He went to one of the best universities in the USA.
- was / much warmer / the weather's / yesterday / it / than .
The weather was much warmer than yesterday.
- her sister / than / she / got / and / worked / in her exam / 95% / harder .
She got a better mark than her sister in her exam.
- a year ago / English / speaks / than / much better / now / he .
He speaks English much better now than he did a year ago.