

## 2 GRAMMAR: Modifying comparisons

- A Compare the bakeries below. Use the words in parentheses ( ) and *a bit, a little, much, a lot, more, way more, or by far*.

	Bob's Bakery	Crazy 4 Cake	Sweet Surprises
Price for cakes	\$15	\$25	\$12
Busy times	11 a.m.–3 p.m.	all day	12 p.m.–2 p.m.
Likes	255	765	450
In business since	1952	2008	2010

- Crazy 4 Cake has been open a little longer than Sweet Surprises. Of the three, Bob's Bakery has been open \_\_\_\_\_ . (long)
- Crazy 4 Cake is \_\_\_\_\_ , but Bob's Bakery is \_\_\_\_\_ than Sweet Surprises. (expensive)
- Sweet Surprises is \_\_\_\_\_ than Bob's Bakery, but Crazy 4 Cake is \_\_\_\_\_ . (popular)
- Crazy 4 Cake is \_\_\_\_\_ of the three. Bob's Bakery is \_\_\_\_\_ than Sweet Surprises. (busy)

- B Complete the sentences with *as ... as* and *almost, nearly, nowhere near, or just*.

- The pizza at Arturo's is much better than the pizza at Gina's. Gina's pizza is not nearly as good as Arturo's.
- The servers at Gina's are a little friendlier than the servers at Arturo's. Arturo's servers are \_\_\_\_\_ Gina's are.
- The seats at Gina's are really comfortable. Arturo's seats aren't comfortable at all. Arturo's seats are \_\_\_\_\_ Gina's are.
- Arturo's and Gina's are big. They both have 25 tables. Gina's is \_\_\_\_\_ Arturo's is.
- Gina's and Arturo's are new. Gina's opened in June of 2017. Arturo's opened six months later. Gina's is \_\_\_\_\_ Arturo's is.

- C Write true sentences about yourself. Replace X and Y with a word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- X / by far / exciting / thing / I've ever seen.  
The circus is by far the most exciting thing I've ever seen.
- X / by far / good / gift / I've ever gotten.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- X / nowhere near / tasty / Y  
\_\_\_\_\_
- X / way / easy / Y  
\_\_\_\_\_
- X / a bit / expensive / Y  
\_\_\_\_\_
- X / just / intelligent / Y  
\_\_\_\_\_

