Notes

- You can use ***a bit***, ***a lot***, ***much*** before comparatives:
  *She's **a lot happier** now.*
  *I'm **a bit older** than you.*
  *This book is **much more interesting** than the other one.*
- After ***than*** you can use ***me***, ***you***, ***her***, ***him***, ***us***, ***them***:
  *You're taller **than me**.*
  *They arrived earlier **than us**.*

  or you can use ***I***, ***you***, etc. + auxiliary (*am, is, are; was, were; do, does; did*, etc.):
  *You're taller **than I am**.*
  *They arrived earlier **than we did**.*

Practice

39a Write the comparatives.

happy	*happier*	cheap		honest	
difficult	*more difficult*	strong		busy	
clean		interesting		young	
early		hot		near	
beautiful		warm		funny	
soft		expensive		easy	
intelligent		fresh		bad	
dirty		kind		late	
good		boring		dangerous	
careful		cold		weak	

39b Complete the sentences using a comparative and ***than***.

1 She's much ..*younger than*.. her husband. (young)
2 It's a ..*warmer*.. day ..*than*.. yesterday. (warm)
3 The vegetables in this shop are ..... the ones in the supermarket. (fresh)
4 The train is ..... the bus. (expensive)
5 This new TV programme is much ..... the old one. (funny)
6 Ms Davies is a ..... teacher ..... Mr Andrews. (good)
7 My office is ..... Helen's. (near)
8 The traffic is ..... it was last year. (noisy)

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9 You have a ..... life ..... I have. (busy)

10 Drivers in this country are ..... drivers in my country. (careless)

11 The exam today was ..... last year's exam. (difficult)

12 She's much ..... her sister. (kind)

13 The North is ..... the South. (rich)

14 The students ask ..... questions ..... they did before. (intelligent)

15 Her second book is ..... her first. (interesting)

39c Write sentences comparing the Grand Hotel and the Sea View Hotel. Use the adjectives in the box.

peaceful	big	small	lovely	~~beautiful~~
comfortable	cold	cheap	clean	friendly
expensive	warm	noisy	~~central~~	

Grand Hotel

The Grand Hotel is a beautiful hotel in the centre of town. It is a big hotel with 120 rooms. The rooms are all very clean, comfortable and warm but they are quite noisy because the hotel is on a main road. I found the hotel staff polite but not very friendly.
This is not the hotel for a cheap holiday. The rooms are quite expensive at around £100 per person per night for bed and breakfast.

Sea View Hotel

The Sea View Hotel is a 30-room hotel about three kilometres from the centre of town. The building is not very beautiful but the rooms have lovely views of the sea and the hotel is nice and peaceful. The rooms are not always very clean and sometimes they are a bit cold at night. But the hotel staff are always very friendly and the hotel is very cheap. It only costs £30 per person per night for bed and breakfast.

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Practice

65a Write the superlatives

hard	*hardest*	intelligent	
expensive	*most expensive*	lovely	
good		calm	
careless		boring	
heavy		beautiful	
young		busy	
careful		interesting	
tall		brave	
difficult		bad	
cheap		fast	
clean		patient	
angry		dirty	
dangerous		friendly	
strong		poor	
cold		honest	

65b Complete the sentences using a superlative.

1 This is the *strongest* case in the shop. (strong)
2 You're the *friendliest* person here. (friendly)
3 She's the ..... student in the group. (intelligent)
4 This is the ..... day of my life. (happy)
5 This is the ..... hotel in town. (cheap)
6 It's the ..... place in the world. (wonderful)
7 It's the ..... film I've ever seen. (sad)
8 It's the ..... capital city in the world. (dirty)
9 These people are the ..... in the country. (poor)
10 This shop sells the ..... vegetables. (fresh)
11 It's the ..... programme on television. (boring)
12 This is the ..... road in the country. (dangerous)
13 It was the ..... time of my life. (bad)

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