

GRAMMAR comparatives and superlatives

Write sentences with the information from the survey. Use the comparative or the superlative.

Where to go?

We reveal the results from our reader survey of three popular holiday destinations.

	 Cancun (Mexico)	 Copenhagen (Denmark)	 Sydney (Australia)
It's cheap	★ ★ ★	★	★ ★
It's crowded	★ ★ ★	★	★ ★
It's easy to get to	★ ★	★ ★ ★	★
It's exciting	★ ★ ★	★ ★	★ ★
It's hot	★ ★ ★	★	★ ★ ★
It's relaxing	★	★ ★ ★	★ ★

- Cancun / cheap / Copenhagen
Cancun is cheaper than Copenhagen.
- Cancun / crowded / of the three destinations

- Copenhagen / easy to get to / Sydney

- Sydney / exciting / Cancun

- Sydney / hot / Copenhagen

- Copenhagen / relaxing / of the three destinations

Rewrite the comparative sentences in **b** using (not) as ... as.

- expensive** (sentence 1)
Cancun isn't as expensive as Copenhagen.
- difficult** (sentence 3)

- exciting** (sentence 4)

- cold** (sentence 5)

LISTENING

iChecker Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 The most relaxing way to travel is by train.
- 2 The seven hours in the airport was the _____ part of the holiday.
- 3 The _____ place to visit is the museum.
- 4 Flying is a lot _____ than going by coach.
- 5 They should have the party at their house. It's much _____ than ours.
- 6 Scooters aren't _____ motorbikes.

iChecker Listen to the experiences of five speakers who were doing dangerous things while they were driving. Match the speakers with the things they were doing.

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| Speaker 1 | <u>E</u> | A Putting on make-up |
| Speaker 2 | __ | B Listening to his/her favourite music |
| Speaker 3 | __ | C Writing a text message |
| Speaker 4 | __ | D Setting or adjusting a satnav |
| Speaker 5 | __ | E Talking on a mobile |

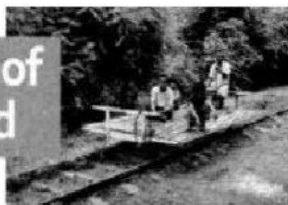
Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What did Speaker 1's car crash into? A van
- 2 How far had Speaker 2 driven past Exeter before she realized her mistake? _____
- 3 Where did Speaker 3 end up? _____
- 4 Who did Speaker 4 nearly hit? _____
- 5 What colour were the traffic lights when the accident happened to Speaker 5? _____

READING

Read the article once. Which is the oldest form of transport?

Unusual ways of getting around



Bamboo trains

This is the best way to see rural Cambodia. A bamboo train, or **nori** as the locals call it, is a bamboo platform on wheels which **travels** along **tracks**. It's powered by an engine, and it can **reach a speed** of 40 kilometres per hour. Passengers sit on a grass mat on the nori. Noris may not be as comfortable as conventional trains, but they're certainly a lot cheaper. Pick up a nori from Battambang Station, but remember to agree on a price before you get on.

Totora reed boats

These boats **have been around** for centuries. They are made from the reeds that grow on the banks of Lake Titicaca, one of the largest lakes in South America.



As well as making boats from totora reeds, the local people use them to make their houses, which they build on floating islands. Totora reed boats are still used for hunting and fishing, but today some of the local people transport people across the lake in them. Travelling on a reed boat among the floating islands of the lake **is a must** for visitors to Peru.

Jeepney

A jeepney is the most common form of public transport in the Philippines. They are made out of the jeeps left on the islands by the American army at the end of the Second World War. The people gave the jeeps a roof, put in two long seats on either side and painted them, turning them into small buses. Jeepneys have open windows instead of air conditioning. They're often **packed** with passengers and there are no bus stops – the driver just slows down to let the passengers **jump on and off**.



Dog sleds

Dog sledding is a **unique** experience as it's something you can't do in many other parts of the world. It was once the only way to get around in the snow of Alaska in the US, but now its use is limited to winter sports and tourism. The best time to try it is from January to March – in the summer there isn't enough snow so the dogs pull sleds on wheels. The ride can be a bit **bumpy** as the sled sometimes goes over stones and the dogs bark a lot. All the same, it's an opportunity not to be missed.



Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Noris are a good way of seeing Cambodian cities. F
- 2 The train fare is not always the same. —
- 3 Totora reed boats are made from special plants. —
- 4 Today the boats are only used to carry tourists. —
- 5 Jeepneys have been used in the Philippines for about twenty years. —
- 6 There are usually a lot of people in jeepneys. —
- 7 Most people in Alaska don't travel by dog sled any more. —
- 8 Dog sleds are a very relaxing way to travel. —