

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 _____	<i>more</i> + 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.

- a. Be / small
- b. Be / quiet
- c. Have / narrow / streets
- d. Have / tall / buildings
- e. Have / bad / climate
- f. Be / near

Los Angeles is smaller than New York.

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

- a. Large / Moscow or Paris?
- 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?

Which is larger, Moscow or Paris?

6- Answer the questions in exercise 5

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____

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

- a. The afternoons are sunnier than the mornings.
- b. The shops in the town centre are more expensive the shops in the shopping centre.
- c. I enjoy maths, but I'm gooder at English.
- d. The houses are more expensive and more larger in the west of the city.
- e. Big cities are always more exciting that small cities.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

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 ...