

## (8) COMPARATIVES

**ACTIVITY 1:** Read the internet forum. Which city should Casie choose?

CITY A      CITY B

©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.

**ACTIVITY 2:** Read the Learn this! box. Then complete the table below with comparative forms from the text in ACTIVITY 1.

**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 _____	more + adjective
Irregular adjective	Comparative	
good	6 _____	
far	7 _____	
bad	worse	

**ACTIVITY 3:** Write the comparative forms of these adjectives.

early	kind
quick	expensive
excited	large
sunny	exciting
wet	polluted
popular	warm

**ACTIVITY 4:** Complete the facts with the comparative form of the correct adjective from each pair.

1. Vegetables are \_\_\_\_\_ for your health than cakes. (good / bad)
2. The Pacific Ocean is \_\_\_\_\_ than the Indian Ocean. (big / small)
3. Dolphins are usually \_\_\_\_\_ than sharks. (friendly / unfriendly)
4. The Pyramids in Egypt are \_\_\_\_\_ than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. (old / modern)
5. Daniel Radcliffe is \_\_\_\_\_ than Tom Hanks. (old/young)
6. Travelling by plane is \_\_\_\_\_ than travelling by car. (safe / dangerous)
7. In Argentina, rugby is \_\_\_\_\_ than football. (popular / unpopular)

**ACTIVITY 5:** Look at the information about these two celebrities and write sentences using the comparative form of the adjectives.

	Joey B	Carly J
<b>Age</b>	19	24
<b>Height</b>	1.86 m	1.72 m
<b>Money</b>	\$2.8 million	\$6 million
<b>Number of fans</b>	6 million	5 million
<b>Work (days per year)</b>	320 days	210 days

1. young	5. hard-working
2. tall	6. old
3. rich	7. short
4. popular	
