# Comparing Places

Practice using adjectives to compare places to live.

## 1. Warm up

### Discuss the following.

1. Look at the photographs and think of three adjectives to describe each.



**Lenvik, Norway**

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**New York, USA**

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2. Which place would you like to live in more? Why?

## 2. Reading

### A. Read about Owen and Abby.

**Owen**

I live in New York city. I like it, but it's sometimes difficult. It is more crowded in the city than the country and people are usually younger. I like that there is always something to do and lots of restaurants, bars, and cinemas, but it's noisier here and the traffic is much worse. The city is much more polluted than the country as well. I think I would prefer to live outside of the city. It is cheaper and more peaceful.

**Abby**

I live in the countryside in Norway. I love it here! It is much better than the city I think. It is quieter here than in the city and it's much more peaceful. The air is cleaner too. I think people are older but happier here than in the city because it's a lot nicer. It is more boring in the country than in the city though because there is less to do. I sometimes go to the city, but it's more expensive, so I don't want to live there.

### B. Answer the questions about the person you read about.

**Owen**

1. Where does Owen live?

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2. What does he like about living there?

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3. What doesn't he like about living there?

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4. Where would he prefer to live? Why?

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**Abby**

1. Where does Abby live?

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2. What does she like about living there?

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3. What doesn't she like about living there?

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4. Where would she prefer to live? Why?



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## 3. Comparative Adjectives

### A. Read the adjectives below and underline them in the text in Part 2A.

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| □ happy | □ polluted | □ bad | □ clean | □ crowded |
| □ boring | □ good | □ quiet | □ peaceful | □ young |
| □ old | □ expensive | □ cheap | □ nice | □ noisy |

### B. Decide how many syllables each adjective has and place them into the table below.

| 1 Syllable Adjectives | | 2 or more Syllable Adjectives | | Adjectives Ending in -y | |
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### C. Add some more adjectives to the table above.

### D. Review the underlined comparative adjectives in Part 2A and complete the rules below.

1. To make the comparative form of adjectives with 1 syllable:

   Add _____ to the end of the adjective.

2. To make the comparative form of adjectives with 2 or more syllables:

   Add _____ or _____ before the adjective.

3. To make the comparative form of adjectives ending -y:

   Remove _____ and add _____ to the end of the adjective.

4. Some adjectives are irregular. The comparative form of good is **better** and bad is **worse**.



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## 4. Practice

### A. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets. Do you agree or disagree? Circle 👍 👎.

1. Living in the country is _____ (dangerous) than living in the city. 👍 👎
2. Country life is _____ (relaxing) than city life. 👍 👎
3. Life in the country is _____ (healthy) than in the city. 👍 👎
4. The city is _____ (good) to live in than the country. 👍 👎
5. People in the country are usually _____ (young) than people in the city. 👍 👎
6. The cost of living in the country is _____ (high) than in the city. 👍 👎



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7. People are _____ (busy) in the country.

8. Buildings in the city are _____ (interesting) than in the country.

9. People in the city are _____ (friendly) than people in the country.

10. Transportation in the country is _____ (bad) than in the city.

## B. Finish the sentences with a comparative adjective and your own idea.

e.g. Canada is larger than my country.

1. Italy is _____

2. Museums are _____

3. Beaches are _____

4. The weather in my country is _____

5. Convenience stores are _____

6. My house is _____

7. My neighborhood is _____

8. The transportation in my city is _____



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## 5. Discuss

A. Write adjectives to describe the following holiday photographs. Think of both positive and negative adjectives.

**Canadian Cross-Country Skiing Holiday**



**Cebu Beach Holiday**



B. Compare the two holiday pictures using your adjectives. Which holiday is better? Why?



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