

1 GRAMMAR

Comparatives and superlatives

| COMPARATIVES | |
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| SUPERIORITY Short: ADJ-ER + THAN Long: MORE + ADJ + THAN | A car is faster than a bike. John is more intelligent than Peter. |
| INFERIORITY LESS + ADJ + THAN | France is less big than Brazil. |
| EQUALITY AS + ADJ + AS | I'm as strong as you. |
| SUPERLATIVES | |
| SUPERIORITY Short: THE + ADJ-EST Long: THE MOST + ADJ | This is the cheapest hotel I found. She's the most interested in this topic. |
| INFERIORITY THE LEAST + ADJ | Could you buy the least expensive phone? |

- a Read the information in the table about London, New York and Rome. Complete sentences 1–8 with the correct forms of the adjectives in brackets.

| | London | New York | Rome |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Average max. daily temperature: January | 8°C | 3°C | 12°C |
| Average max. daily temperature: July | 23°C | 29°C | 30°C |
| Population | 8.5 million | 8.3 million | 2.7 million |
| Size | 1,500 km ² | 800 km ² | 1,300 km ² |
| Average hotel price | \$200 | \$220 | \$180 |

- In July London isn't as warm as New York. (warm)
- Rome is the hottest city in July. (hot)
- New York is colder than London in January. (cold)
- Rome is less cold than New York in February. (cold)
- Rome has the smallest population. (small)
- Rome isn't as big as London. (big)
- London is larger than New York. (large)
- Hotels in New York are more expensive than hotels in Rome. (expensive)

- b Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- job / as / isn't / new / my old one / interesting / my / as .
My new job isn't as interesting as my old one.
- film / it's / the / seen / exciting / ever / I've / most / I think .
I've seen the most exciting film of all time.
- happier / is / ever / she's / than / my sister / been .
My sister has been happier than I am.
- to understand her / more / she speaks / quickly / because / you / it's hard / than .
It's harder for me to understand her than she speaks.
- one of / best / he / the USA / universities / to / in / went / the .
He went to one of the best universities in the USA.
- was / much warmer / the weather's / yesterday / it / than .
The weather was much warmer than yesterday.
- her sister / than / she / got / and / worked / in her exam / 95% / harder .
She got a better mark than her sister in her exam.
- a year ago / English / speaks / than / much better / now / he .
He speaks English much better now than he did a year ago.