

GRAMMAR: Comparatives and superlatives, as ... as

- 1 Complete the sentences with the phrases in the box.

the best of as good as less difficult
the most difficult by far the best
the least difficult one of the best
as difficult as

- Louis is _____ soccer player on our team.
- Clara was _____ pianists I had ever heard.
- Saying goodbye to my parents was _____ thing I've ever done.
- After I gave up sugar, losing weight wasn't _____ I thought it would be.
- Kari is really stressed out. She needs to find a _____ job.
- Pilar, Rafaella, and Maya are all good at math, but Maya is _____ the three.
- Neil's new, so we're giving him _____ work to begin with.
- I don't think this restaurant is _____ it used to be.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box. Add any other words necessary.

hot bad angry expensive easy
late far beautiful

- I failed my French exam but I passed Spanish. I find Spanish far _____ French.
- It takes me ten minutes to bike home, but it takes Aidan 20 minutes because he lives _____ away than me.
- We stay inside around lunchtime because it is _____ part of the day.
- I didn't stay up _____ as my friends because I had to get up early.
- The Taj Mahal is _____ building I have ever seen.
- When we tried to apologize, Sara seemed to get even _____.
- We had very little money, so we bought _____ computer in the store.
- I thought his last novel was bad, but this one is even _____ than that.

VOCABULARY: Describing homes

- 3 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- Sophia has three sofas in her *basic* / *spacious* / *cozy* living room.
- Tom's kitchen is really *old-fashioned* / *stylish* / *modern* – he certainly doesn't have a dishwasher!
- It's a two-minute walk to the supermarket, so that's very *comfortable* / *convenient* / *basic*.
- They have a *bright* / *convenient* / *huge* garden that takes up a lot of their time.
- There's a shower but no bathtub because my bathroom is so *tiny* / *cozy* / *old-fashioned*.
- This room will look more *basic* / *spacious* / *cozy* with some rugs.
- Lou's bedroom only has a closet and a bed, so it's pretty *basic* / *stylish* / *bright*.
- Her kitchen's *stylish* / *dark* / *cozy* with that big tree outside.

- 4 Complete the words.

- My apartment's on the _____ p floor and has a great view.
- Furniture we didn't use was stored down in the b_____t.
- I live in the s_____s because it's cheaper than downtown.
- There is just one shopping m_____ in the small town where I live.
- Grandma has a f_____ floor apartment without stairs.
- Does this t_____n have a library and a post office?
- My bedroom has a b_____y outside that I often sit on.
- In the summer, do you often eat out on the roof t_____e?
- Max lives on the sixteenth floor of an a _____t building.
- They had been to the c _____y, walking among the trees and fields.

PRONUNCIATION: /ə/ sound

- 5  4.5 Listen to the sentences. Do the underlined words contain the /ə/ sound? Write ✓ or X.

- My sister's not as tall as me. _____
- Dan is by far the best tennis player I know. _____
- It's a bit cooler today than yesterday. _____
- Gabi is better than me at ballet. _____
- I'd like to get a bigger apartment. _____
- This is the longest of all the books. _____