



COMPARATIVES: SHORT ADJECTIVES

1. FORM PAIRS OF ADJECTIVES. USE THE ADJECTIVES FROM THE BOX.

dangerous hot slow
 expensive quiet clean

- 1 noisy _____
- 2 fast _____
- 3 safe _____
- 4 dirty _____
- 5 cold _____
- 6 cheap _____

2. READ THESE CHARTS ABOUT A SMALL TOWN AND A BIG CITY. THEN, TICK THE CORRECT STATEMENTS.

		
	Stratford-upon-Avon – UK	Los Angeles – The USA
Population	113,000	3,897,846
Area	979 km ²	1,214.9 km ²
Average temperature	6°C (winter) / 13°C (summer)	14°C (winter) / 25°C (summer)
Public transportation	buses, taxis, trains	buses, subway, light railway, taxis
Schools / Universities	51 schools, 2 universities	475 public and 391 private schools, 15 universities
Economy	tourism and small industries	commerce, entertainment, tourism

- 1 ☐ There are more schools in LA than in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- 2 ☐ Stratford-upon-Avon is bigger than LA.
- 3 ☐ There is more public transportation in Stratford-upon-Avon than in LA.
- 4 ☐ LA is colder than Stratford-upon-Avon.
- 5 ☐ Stratford-upon-Avon is quieter than LA.

3. WHAT CITY IS BEING DESCRIBED LA OR STRATFORD-UPON-AVON?

- 1 _____ is the birthplace of the famous poet and playwright William Shakespeare.
- 2 _____ is internationally famous for producing popular entertainment such as motion pictures, television, video games and recorded music.

Comparatives (short adjectives)

One-syllable adjectives

adjective + **er than**

quiet → *Stratford is quieter than LA.*

cold → *Stratford is colder than LA.*

Adjectives ending in -e

adjective + **r than**

nice → *Small cities are nicer than big ones.*

safe → *Stratford is safer than LA.*

Two-syllable adjectives ending in -y

adjective - **y + ier than**

dirty → *Big cities are usually dirtier than small cities.*

noisy → *LA is noisier than Stratford.*

Adjectives ending in vowel + consonant

consonant x 2 + **er than**

big → *LA is bigger than Stratford.*

hot → *Rio de Janeiro is hotter than LA.*

Remember!

There is / are + more (less) + noun + (than)...

There are more universities in LA than in Stratford. There's more traffic there too.

4. LOOK AT THE SIGN UP BOX. THEN, USE THE CUES TO WRITE SENTENCES COMPARING THE CITIES BELOW.

- 1 Los Angeles / noisy / Stratford-upon-Avon / .

- 2 The traffic / heavy / LA / Stratford / in / .

- 3 Stratford / safe / LA / .

- 4 temperature / hot / in / Iguazú / Ushuaia / .

- 5 pollution / in / Buenos Aires / Mendoza / .
There is _____
- 6 cars / in / Los Angeles / Las Vegas / .
There are _____

5. MATCH THE OPPOSITES.

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|-------------|------------|
| 1 noisy | [] fast |
| 2 cold | [] safe |
| 3 slow | [] cheap |
| 4 clean | [] small |
| 5 dangerous | [] quiet |
| 6 expensive | [] hot |
| 7 big | [] dirty |
| 8 amusing | [] boring |

6. NOW, USE THE ADJECTIVES FROM EXERCISE 5 TO WRITE COMPARATIVE SENTENCES.



- 1 Playing football / practising sailing

Playing football is cheaper than practising sailing.

- 2 Driving a car / flying a plane

- 3 hospitals / schools

- 4 Rabbits / turtles

- 5 classical music / rock and roll

- 6 Buenos Aires / Mar del Plata
