

# COMPARATIVE OF SUPERIORITY

A. Which of the adjectives below do you associate with the city and which with the countryside?



## CITY LIFE

- safe
- peaceful
- big
- exciting
- relaxing
- healthy
- fast
- lonely
- dangerous
- polluted
- crowded
- stressful
- helpful
- busy
- noisy
- expensive
- clean
- boring

## COUNTRY LIFE

B. Let's learn how to compare people/things using the **COMPARATIVE OF SUPERIORITY**:

C. Now use the adjectives in (A) and complete the sentences using the comparative of superiority.



For **short** (one syllable) adjectives or adjectives ending in "y" we just add "(e)r" to the adjective:

- ⇒ small – **smaller**
- ⇒ close – **closer**
- ⇒ friendly – **friendlier**

(note that the "y" changes to "i")



For **long** (two or more syllables) adjectives we add "more" before the adjective:

- ⇒ interesting – **more interesting**
- ⇒ famous – **more famous**

(note that the adjectives do **not** change)



We need to use "than" when we mention both the people/things we are comparing:

- ⇒ Life is quieter in the country **than** in the city.

1. The air in the country is \_\_\_\_\_ but in the city it is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. City life is \_\_\_\_\_ because there are plenty of things you can do. This is why living in the country can be \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cities are \_\_\_\_\_ than villages and \_\_\_\_\_ because more people live there.
4. People in the city may feel \_\_\_\_\_ because they don't have time for each other.
5. In the country there is less crime, so people feel \_\_\_\_\_. In the city life is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The cost of living is \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
7. There is a strong sense of community in the country and neighbours are usually \_\_\_\_\_.
8. There is less pollution in the country and so people have a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
9. It's quieter and \_\_\_\_\_ in the country. It is \_\_\_\_\_ in the city because of the traffic.
10. In the city there is more confusion and so living there can be \_\_\_\_\_. Life in the country is much \_\_\_\_\_ than in the city.
11. People seem to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the city because they are always working and running around.
12. Life in the city is \_\_\_\_\_ - in the country life moves a bit slower.