

7A I'm the happiest I've ever been

1 GRAMMAR

Comparatives and superlatives

- 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 expensive 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 ever.
- happier / is / ever / she's / than / my sister / been .
My sister has been happier than I've ever been.
- to understand her / more / she speaks / quickly / because / you / it's hard / than .
It's harder to understand her than she speaks quickly because she speaks more.
- 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 yesterday than it is today.
- her sister / than / she / got / and / worked / in her exam / 95% / harder .
She worked harder than her sister and got 95% 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.

2 VOCABULARY *get* collocations

- a Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I get together / get to know / get on well with both of my sisters – we're very close.
- I'm going to Australia on business next week, so I'll get married / get in touch with / get to know my friend Chris who lives in Sydney.
- In 2003, he married a Japanese girl and decided to stay in Japan because he got a place at / got a job / got an offer as a language teacher in Tokyo.
- When she went to live in Manchester, she got to know / got better / got engaged her neighbours very quickly because everyone was so friendly.
- Annie and Tom got married / got divorced / got together after they met at a friend's birthday two years ago. It was love at first sight.
- If you don't drink bottled water, you might get ill / get better / get old because the water isn't very clean in this area.
- In my company, we normally get rich / get paid / get an offer on the last day of each month.
- My parents got married / got divorced / got engaged last year, but they are still good friends.

- b Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the expressions in the box.

get engaged get rich get better get paid
get to know get a place get an offer get married

- Josh broke his leg playing football last year. Luckily, he got better very quickly and he's going skiing next month!
- My parents _____ in 1985 and I was born in 1987.
- He bought her a lovely silver ring when they _____ last month.
- You might _____ at Oxford University if you study very hard and do really well in your exams.
- He _____ when he sold his software company to Google five years ago.
- Emma was working as a model in Paris when she _____ to be in a French film.
- We _____ lots of really interesting people when we lived in San Francisco.
- Brad Pitt _____ over \$35 million for his last film.