

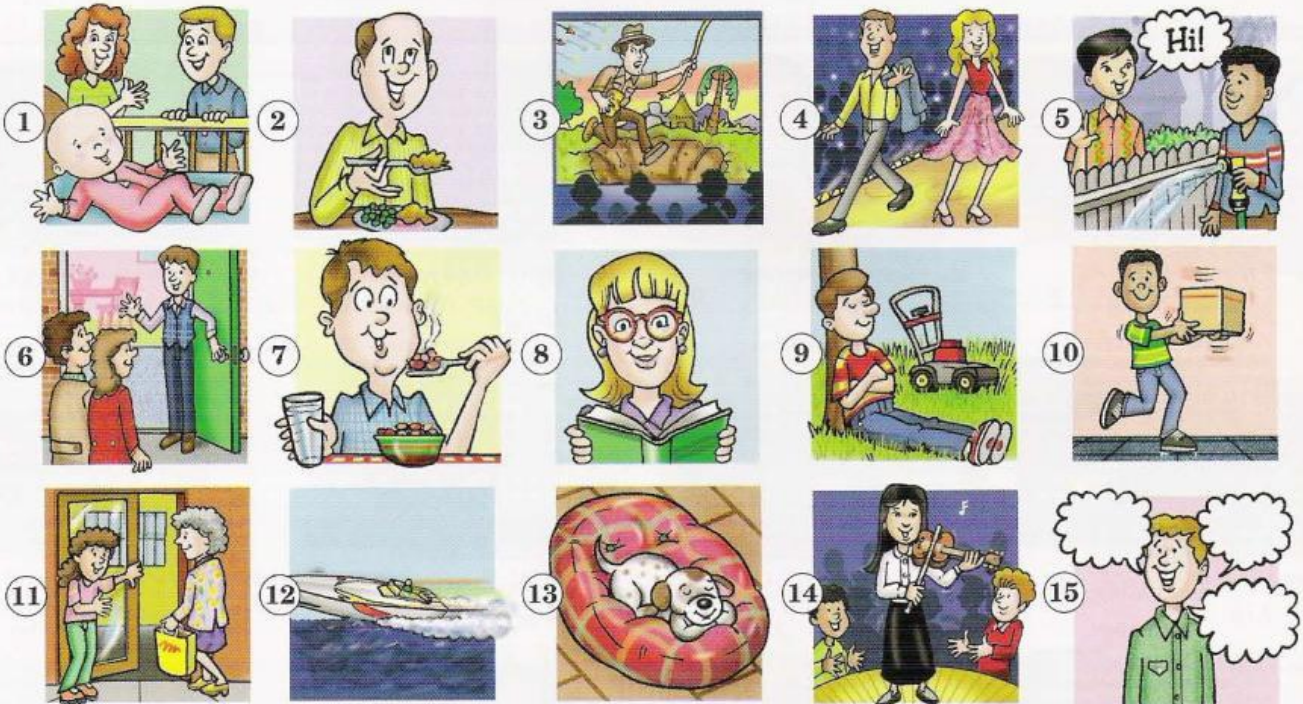


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## Comparatives Should Possessive Pronouns

- Making Comparisons
- Advice
- Expressing Opinions
- Agreement and Disagreement

### VOCABULARY PREVIEW



1. cute
2. delicious
3. exciting
4. fashionable
5. friendly

6. hospitable
7. hot / spicy
8. intelligent / smart
9. lazy
10. light

11. polite
12. powerful
13. soft
14. talented
15. talkative



# My New Bicycle Is Faster

soft – softer  
small – smaller

large – larger  
safe – safer

big – bigger  
hot – hotter

fancy – fancier  
pretty – prettier



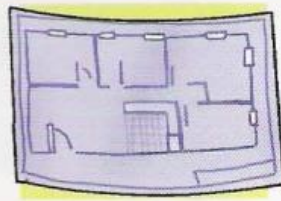
- A. I think you'll like my new bicycle.  
B. But I liked your **OLD** bicycle. It was **fast**.  
A. That's right. But my new bicycle is **faster**.



1. rug  
soft



2. tennis racket  
light



3. apartment  
large



4. neighborhood  
safe



5. office  
big



6. recipe for chili  
hot



7. dog  
friendly



8. sports car  
fancy



9. dishwasher  
quiet



10. wig  
pretty



11. cell phone  
small



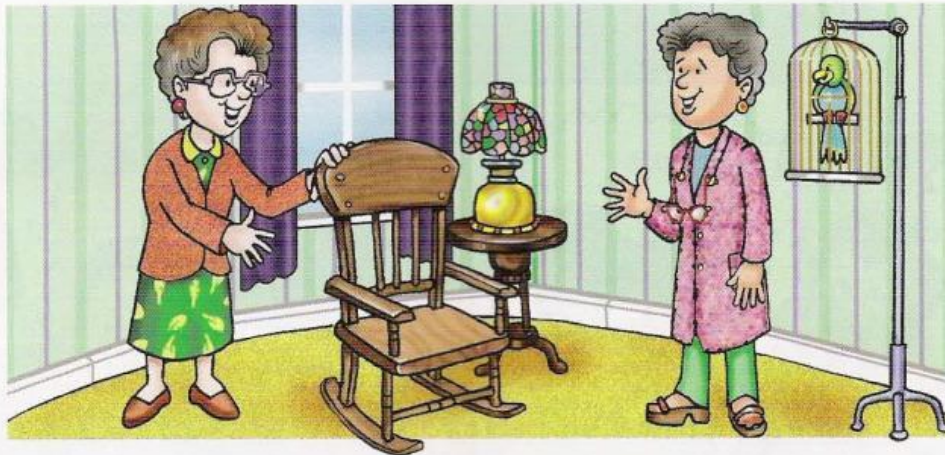
12. cat  
cute



# My New Rocking Chair Is More Comfortable

fast – faster  
nice – nicer  
big – bigger  
pretty – prettier

comfortable – more comfortable  
beautiful – more beautiful  
interesting – more interesting  
intelligent – more intelligent



- A. I think you'll like my new rocking chair.  
B. But I liked your OLD rocking chair. It was **comfortable**.  
A. That's right. But my new rocking chair is **more comfortable**.



1. apartment building  
beautiful



2. roommate  
interesting



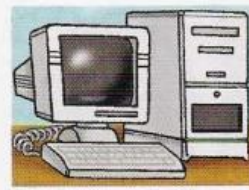
3. girlfriend  
intelligent



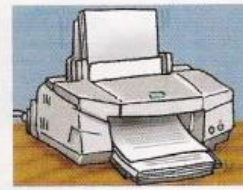
4. boyfriend  
handsome



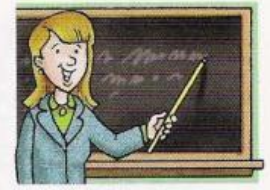
5. briefcase  
attractive



6. computer  
powerful



7. printer  
fast



8. English teacher  
smart



9. recipe for meatloaf  
delicious



10. boss  
nice



11. parrot  
talkative



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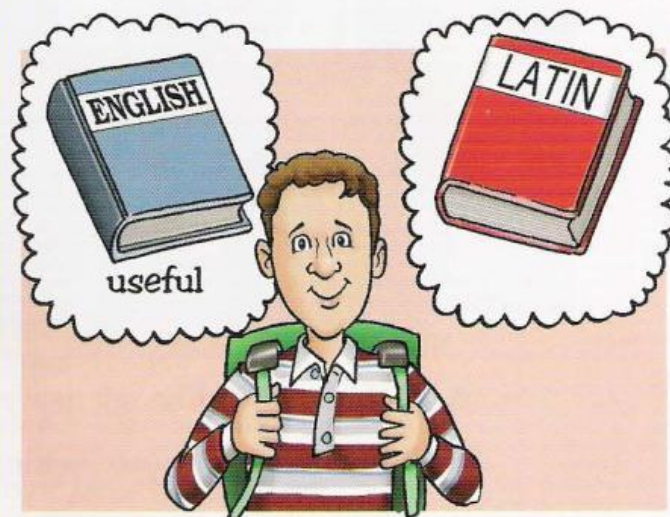
# Bicycles Are Safer Than Motorcycles

I  
He  
She  
It  
We  
You  
They } should study.

Should I study?



- A. Should I buy a bicycle or a motorcycle?  
B. I think you should buy a bicycle.  
A. Why?  
B. Bicycles are **safer than** motorcycles.



- A. Should he study English or Latin?  
B. I think he should study English.  
A. Why?  
B. English is **more useful than** Latin.



1. Should I buy a used car or a new car?



2. Should he go out with Ellen or Helen?



3. Should she buy a dog or a cat?

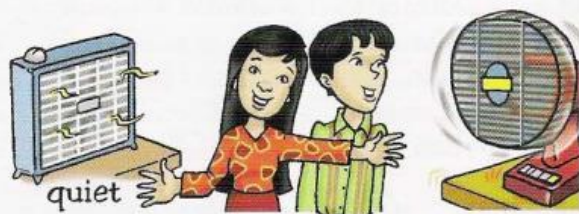


4. Should I vote for Linda Lee or Gary Green?





5. Should she take a course with Professor Blake or Professor Drake?



7. Should we buy this fan or that fan?



9. Should he take piano lessons with Mrs. Clark or Miss Smith?



11. Should she buy fur gloves or leather gloves?



13. Should I hire Ms. Parker or Ms. Jones?



15. Should we rent this movie or that movie?



6. Should they plant flowers or vegetables this spring?



8. Should she buy these earrings or those earrings?



10. Should I buy the hat in my left hand or the hat in my right hand?



12. Should I buy a notebook computer or a desktop computer?



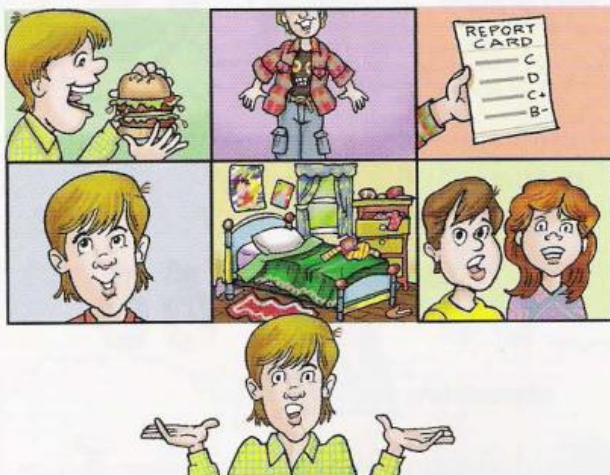
14. Should I fire Mr. Mason or Mr. Grimes?



- 16.



## READING



### IT ISN'T EASY BEING A TEENAGER

I try to be a good son, but no matter how hard I try, my parents never seem to be satisfied. They think I should be a better\* son. They think I should eat healthier food, I should wear nicer clothes, and I should get better grades. And according to them, my hair should be shorter, my room should be neater, and my friends should be more polite when they come to visit.

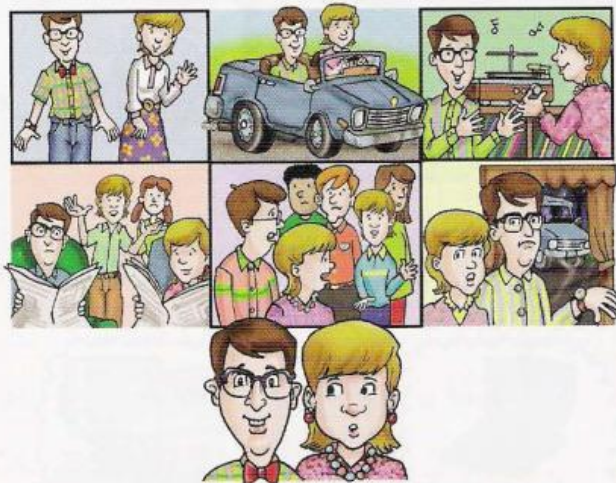
You know . . . it isn't easy being a teenager.

### IT ISN'T EASY BEING PARENTS

We try to be good parents, but no matter how hard we try, our children never seem to be satisfied. They think we should be better parents. They think we should wear more fashionable clothes, we should drive a newer car, and we should listen to more interesting music. And according to them, we should be more sympathetic when they talk about their problems, we should be friendlier when their friends come to visit, and we should be more understanding when they come home late on Saturday night.

You know . . . it isn't easy being parents.

\* good – better



## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

### WHAT'S THE WORD?

According to this boy's parents, he doesn't eat healthy<sup>1</sup> food, he doesn't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> clothes, he doesn't get \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> grades, his hair isn't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, and his friends aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> when they come to visit.

According to their children, these parents don't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> clothes, they don't have a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> car, they don't listen to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> music, and they aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> when their children's friends come to visit.

## LISTENING

Listen and choose what the people are talking about.

- |             |              |                    |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. a. TV    | b. printer   | 4. a. offices      | b. friends   |
| 2. a. chair | b. recipe    | 5. a. neighborhood | b. briefcase |
| 3. a. hair  | b. apartment | 6. a. rug          | b. computer  |



# Don't Be Ridiculous!

my – mine  
his – his  
her – hers

our – ours  
your – yours  
their – theirs



- A. You know, my dog isn't as friendly as your dog.  
B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours is MUCH friendlier than **mine**.



- A. You know, my novels aren't as interesting as Ernest Hemingway's novels.  
B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours are MUCH more interesting than **his**.



clean

1. my apartment  
your apartment



powerful

2. my computer  
Bob's computer



nice

3. my boss  
your boss



comfortable

4. my furniture  
your furniture



big

5. my house  
the Jacksons' house



good

6. my pronunciation  
Maria's pronunciation



pretty

7. my garden  
your garden



delicious

8. my recipe for fruitcake  
Stanley's recipe for fruitcake



9.



## READING



### BROWNSVILLE

The Taylor family lived in Brownsville for many years. And for many years, Brownsville was a very good place to live. The streets were clean, the parks were safe, the bus system was reliable, and the schools were good.

But Brownsville changed. Today the streets aren't as clean as they used to be. The parks aren't as safe as they used to be. The bus system isn't as reliable as it used to be. And the schools aren't as good as they used to be.

Because of the changes in Brownsville, the Taylor family moved to Newport last year. In Newport the streets are cleaner, the parks are safer, the bus system is more reliable, and the schools are better. The Taylors are happy in Newport, but they were happier in Brownsville. Although Newport has cleaner streets, safer parks, a more reliable bus system, and better schools, Brownsville has friendlier people. They're nicer, more polite, and more hospitable than the people in Newport.

The Taylors miss Brownsville. Even though they're now living in Newport, Brownsville will always be their real home.



### READING CHECK-UP

#### Q & A

The people of Brownsville are calling Mayor Brown's radio talk show. They're upset about Brownsville's streets, parks, bus system, and schools. Using this model and the story, call Mayor Brown.

- A. This is Mayor Brown. You're on the air.
- B. Mayor Brown, I'm very upset about the *streets* here in Brownsville.
- A. Why do you say that?
- B. *They aren't as clean as they used to be.*
- A. Do you really think so?
- B. Definitely! You know . . . they say the *streets* in Newport are *cleaner*.
- A. I'll see what I can do. Thank you for calling.





## How to Say It!

### Agreeing & Disagreeing



A. { I think . . .  
In my opinion, . . .



B. { I agree.  
I agree with you.  
I think so, too.



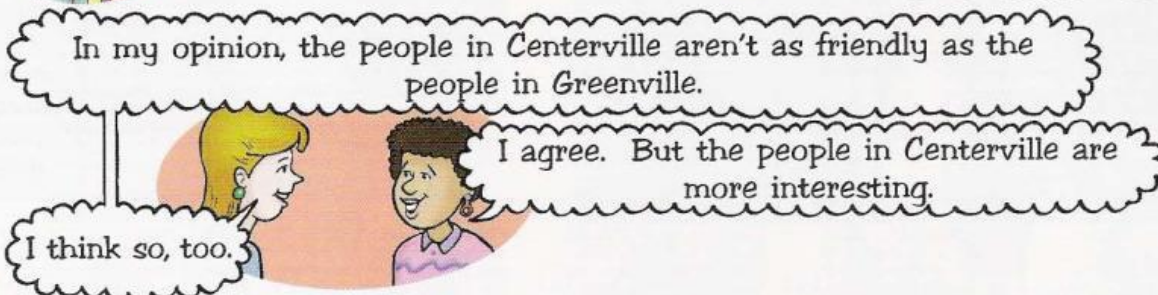
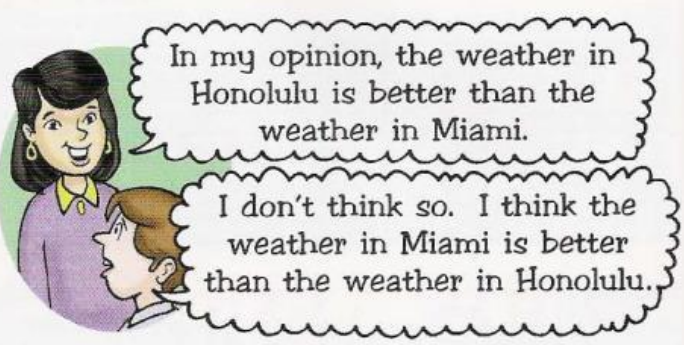
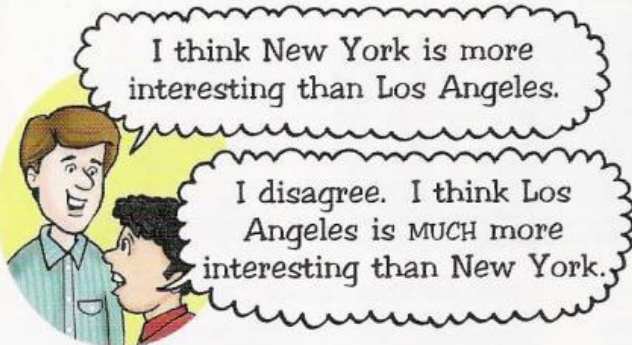
C. { I disagree.  
I disagree with you.  
I don't think so.

Practice interactions on this page, using these expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.

## INTERACTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_er }  
more \_\_\_\_\_ } than

as \_\_\_\_\_ as  
not as \_\_\_\_\_ as



Practice conversations with other students. Compare different places you know.  
Talk about . . .

**the streets** (quiet, safe, clean, wide, busy)

**the buildings** (tall, modern, attractive)

**the weather** (cold, cool, warm, hot, rainy, snowy)

**the people** (friendly, nice, polite, honest, happy, hospitable, talkative, healthy)

**the city in general** (large, interesting, exciting, expensive)



## PRONUNCIATION Yes / No Questions with or

Listen. Then say it.

Should I buy a bicycle or a motorcycle?

Should we buy this fan or that fan?

Should he go out with Ellen or Helen?

Should she buy fur gloves or leather gloves?

Say it. Then listen.

Should they plant flowers or vegetables?

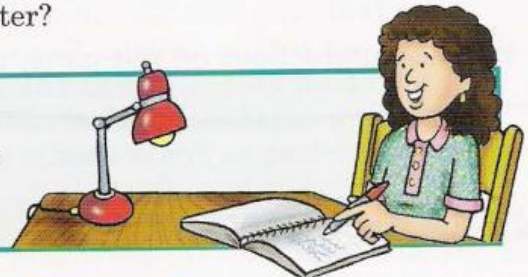
Should she buy these earrings or those earrings?

Should I hire Ms. Carter or Mr. Price?

Should I buy a notebook computer or a desktop computer?



In your journal, compare your home town and the place you live now. Or compare any two places you know.



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

### GRAMMAR

#### COMPARATIVES

My new apartment is	colder larger bigger prettier	than my old apartment.
	more comfortable more attractive	

#### SHOULD

Should	I he she it we you they	study?
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I He She It We You They	should study.
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#### POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

This dog is much friendlier than	mine. his. hers. ours. yours. theirs.
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### KEY VOCABULARY

#### DESCRIBING

attractive	comfortable	fashionable	hospitable	neat	reliable	sympathetic
beautiful	convenient	fast	hot	new	safe	talented
big	cool	friendly	intelligent	nice	short	talkative
busy	cute	good-better	interesting	polite	small	tall
capable	delicious	handsome	large	powerful	smart	understanding
cheap	exciting	happy	lazy	pretty	snowy	useful
clean	expensive	healthy	light	quiet	soft	warm
cold	fancy	honest	modern	rainy	spicy	wide