

Lesson 6B

GRAMMAR | comparative adjectives

VOCABULARY | common adjectives (2); transport collocations

PRONUNCIATION | sentence stress

VOCABULARY

common adjectives (2)

1 A Write a word to fill the gaps.

adjective	opposite
quick/fast	slow
1 _____	quiet
expensive	2 _____
boring	3 _____
4 _____	easy
dangerous	5 _____

B Match (1–6) to (a–f) to make sentences.

- 1 This exercise is really difficult. Please
 - 2 Hello? Hello? Sorry. It's very noisy
 - 3 Please don't drive so fast –
 - 4 The bus is very slow
 - 5 This chair is really uncomfortable –
 - 6 Nice headphones –
- a when there's a lot of traffic.
 - b can I sit in that one?
 - c in here and I can't hear you.
 - d were they expensive?
 - e can you help me?
 - f it's dangerous.

transport collocations

2 Complete the text with the correct form of the words and phrases in the box.

get off get on get out of go by ride take

I'm a doctor and I usually ¹ _____ my bike to work, but today was very cold. I thought I'd ² _____ car, but it didn't start! After that I ³ _____ the car and decided to ⁴ _____ the bus to the hospital. It was really easy. When you ⁵ _____ the bus you touch a machine with your credit card, then touch it again to pay when you ⁶ _____. I enjoyed the journey, but I prefer to ride my bike when it's warm!



GRAMMAR

comparative adjectives

3 A Choose the correct word or phrase to complete the sentences.

- 1 Which is _____, your house or my house?
a bigger b more big c big
- 2 Greta is _____ in her new job than her old one.
a happy b more happy c happier
- 3 This café is _____ than that one.
a more nice b more nicer c nicer
- 4 Which is _____, a train or a bus?
a fast b faster c more fast
- 5 My new phone is _____ than my old one.
a good b better c more good
- 6 The jacket is _____ expensive than the shirt.
a more b the more c most

B Complete the survey results with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

The results are in!

Last month we asked you to tell us what you think of different types of transport in our city. First, we asked you which is ¹ _____ (easy) to use, the bus or the train. More of you (sixty percent) said the train. Forty percent of you think buses are ² _____ (difficult) because they're often late. A lot of people said they felt ³ _____ (happy) on the train too, because it's ⁴ _____ (comfortable) than the bus.

Next we wanted to know if you thought the bus or a taxi was ⁵ _____ (good). Guess what? Fifty-five percent of you said the bus! This is because it's ⁶ _____ (big) than a taxi, so you can relax more when you get on. However, when it's busy, 80% think a bus is ⁷ _____ (bad) than a taxi, even though buses are ⁸ _____ (cheap).

PRONUNCIATION

4 A 6.04 | sentence stress | Listen to the sentences and underline the stressed words.

- 1 It's bigger than a house.
- 2 They're worse than cars.
- 3 It's more expensive than a holiday.
- 4 They're smaller than bikes.
- 5 It's easier than that.
- 6 They're more comfortable than planes.

B 6.04 | Listen again and repeat.

READING

Getting around

Is your journey from A to B boring? Look at these unusual forms of transport from around the world. They make it fun to travel!

The Chiva Express, Ecuador



The Chiva Express is not a normal bus. It's changed so that it can run on a train line! It takes tourists up mountains to see the beautiful views. OK, there are faster ways to travel, but this is more interesting. It has big seats and food and drink services. And if you want an even better experience, you can sit on the roof! So next time you're in Ecuador and want to see the mountains, take this bus!

Amfibus, the Netherlands



This starts as a tour of the modern city of Rotterdam. Fifty passengers can get on the bus and look at famous places in the city centre. But then the bus takes a different route and goes into the Maas River! Yes, it's a bus that becomes a ferry, and can go on both land and water. On the water, the city becomes more interesting because you can see places that you can't see from the land.

Central-Mid-Levels Escalator, Hong Kong



Do you like walking everywhere, but get tired? Well in Hong Kong, it's easier to walk than in other places. This escalator takes you through the centre of the city. It's a great way to visit museums, shops and parks. It's free, and at 800 metres long, there's no outside escalator in the world that's longer than this one.

5A Read the article quickly. Match each form of transport with where it travels (1–3).

- 1 the city centre
- 2 on a river
- 3 in mountains

B Read the article again. Which type of transport from the article does each sentence describe? Write C (Chiva Express), A (Amfibus) or E (Central-Mid-Levels Escalator).

- 1 This shows you unusual parts of the city.
- 2 This travels to a high place.
- 3 You don't need to pay to use it.
- 4 You can sit in an unusual place.
- 5 This is in Europe.
- 6 These are usually inside, but not here.

C Read the article again. Are the statements True (T) or False (F)?

- 1 The Chiva Express is uncomfortable.
- 2 You can eat on the Chiva Express.
- 3 Amfibus can take more than fifty passengers.
- 4 You can see different places in the city from the Maas river.
- 5 The Central-Mid-Levels Escalator is very long.