

Adjectives, Comparatives, Superlatives

The city of Sao Paulo



Revise how to use comparative structures here:

<https://wallstreetenglish.fr/fiches-anglais/grammaire/comparaison-en-anglais>

Revise how to use superlative structures here:

<https://wallstreetenglish.fr/fiches-anglais/grammaire/superlatif-anglais-fiche-grammaire>

Revise both of them at the same time here:

<https://wallstreetenglish.fr/fiches-anglais/grammaire/comparatif-superlatif>

Practise online:

<https://www.englishexercises.org/makeagame/viewgame.asp?id=9085>

Now you should be able to see the difference between the following sentences:

Comparative: you compare 2 things.

Jane is funny.

+ Jane is much **funnier than** her brother.

= Jane is **as funny as** her husband.

— Jane is **not as funny as** Karen.

— Jane is **less funny than** Karen.

London is populous.

+ London is much **more populous than** Liverpool.

= London is **as populous as** Ho Chi Minh in Vietnam.

— Paris is **not as populous as** London.

— Paris is **less populous than** London

Superlative: it is used to compare an object to a larger set of objects

+ Jane is **the funniest girl** I've ever met. (group = all the girls I've met)

— Jane's husband is **the least funny guy** I've ever met. (group = all the men I've met)

+ London is **the most populous city** in the UK. (group = all the cities in the UK)

— Brunei is the **least populous capital city** in Asia. (group = all the capital cities in Asia)

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Find the right structure: adjective only/comparative/superlative. (You can first do the quiz online and do the same exercise without multiple answers below):

São Paulo is the (large) city in South America and the third (populous) city of the world, with more than 10 million inhabitants. It is the economical capital of Brazil and a very (busy) place. It is also (rich) in culture parks and museums.

São Paulo is centered around the *Praça da Sé*, where there is a stone mark symbolizing the "point zero" of the city. The subway system is (clean) and (efficient) but covers only a few areas of the city, although extensions are being made. (interesting) neighborhoods to visit include *Jardins*, *Itaim* and *the Ibirapuera Park*.

The main sights in the city include the different neighborhoods with their (special) Italian, Japanese or Arabic influences. They have their own characteristic

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atmosphere and it is a lot of fun to just walk around, go to one of the many (small) restaurants or have a drink somewhere.

Brazilians say that *paulistanos* (São Paulo locals) live to work and to eat, which is probably true. Food in São Paulo is the (good) in the country and rivals that of any major capital in the world. If you are there and like to eat meat, make sure you try the *rodizios* (barbecue) or *feijoada* (pork and beans - served only on Wednesdays and Saturdays). The pizzas are also extremely tasteful and a must-eat. You can find it from a (wide) range of restaurants from the (simple) delivery place to fine (expensive) ones.

São Paulo is also very much a party town. You can get stuck in traffic in the middle of the night when party animals return from their hunt.

Automotive traffic in São Paulo is (complicated), especially in main routes, all along the weekdays and gets (bad) at rush hours (from 8 am to 10 am and from 6 pm to 8 pm). Laws to regulate traffic include a rule forbidding cars to circulate at specific week days depending on the final number of their license. On the weekends the traffic is (good) with some complications in places where there are bars, shopping centers or other public attractions.

São Paulo has the 1 (large) underground transportation system in Brazil: the "Metro". It is not as (comprehensive) as the trains in Europe or North America, but it serves most of the important areas. It is the (safe) and (clean) way to get around São Paulo.

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Do this other exercise online:

<https://englishfortourismzubiri.weebly.com/comparatives-and-superlatives.html>