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We use comparative adjectives to compare two people, places or things.

*Cities are bigger than villages.*

We use *than* in sentences that compare two people, places or things.

*She is happier than her sister.*

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We use *the* before the superlative form of the adjective and we often use *in*.

*It's the best restaurant in the town.*

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## Vocabulary

### 1 Personality adjectives

cheerful • confident • generous •  
hard-working • intelligent •  
irresponsible • kind • lazy •  
responsible • serious • shy •  
tight • unkind

### 2 Feelings

angry • bored • confused •  
disappointed • embarrassed •  
excited • frightened • happy •  
interested • jealous • relaxed •  
sad • stressed • surprised •  
tired • upset • worried

### 3 Social problems

corruption • crime •  
cyberattack • homelessness •  
hunger • pollution • poverty •  
unemployment • violence



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