

Comparatives

I can make comparisons.

- 1 **SPEAKING** Describe the photos. Which is New York and which is Los Angeles? How do you know?
- 2 Read the internet forum. Which city should Cassie choose, in your opinion?



@Cassie I'm planning a short holiday in the USA. Should I visit New York or LA? Can I have some advice, please?

@Grace What do you want to do? LA is a more relaxing city. It has wider streets and lower buildings than New York. New York is bigger and noisier. People call it 'the city that never sleeps'.

@Jack When are you going? The climate in Los Angeles is better, I reckon – winters are sunnier and summers are more comfortable.

@Ben Do you like flying? For Europeans, Los Angeles is further than New York: the flight is four hours longer.

- 3 Read the **Learn this!** box. Then complete the table below with comparative forms from the text in exercise 2.

LEARN THIS! Comparative adjectives

a We can compare two things using a comparative adjective and *than*:

Today is warmer than yesterday.

b We can also use a comparative form before a noun:

We're looking for a bigger house.

Short adjective	Comparative	Rule
long	1 _____	+ -er
big	2 _____	double consonant + -er
sunny	3 _____	-y → -ier
wide	4 _____	+ -r
Long adjective	Comparative	Rule
comfortable	5 _____	more + adjective
Irregular adjective	Comparative	
good	6 _____	
far	7 _____	
bad	worse	

- 4 Write sentences comparing New York and Los Angeles. Use information from the text in exercise 2 and the comparative form of these adjectives.

- 1 be / small
Los Angeles is smaller than New York.
- 2 be / quiet
- 3 have / narrow / streets
- 4 have / tall / buildings
- 5 have / bad / climate
- 6 be / near

- 5 Write questions about the cities below using the comparative form of the adjectives.

- 1 large / Moscow or Paris?
Which is larger, Moscow or Paris?
- 2 polluted / Warsaw or Mexico City?
- 3 expensive / Prague or Tokyo?
- 4 sunny / Cairo or Istanbul?
- 5 safe / Cape Town or New York?
- 6 crowded / Athens or Lisbon?
- 7 dry / London or Milan?

- 6 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 5. Make a note of your answers.

Which is larger, Moscow or Paris?

Moscow.

- 7 **2.31 PRONUNCIATION** Listen, repeat and check your answers to exercise 6. Pay attention to the pronunciation of: a) the -er ending of comparative forms, and b) *than*.

- 8 Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.

- 1 The afternoons are often sunnier than the mornings.
- 2 The shops in the town centre are more expensive the shops in the shopping centre.
- 3 I enjoy maths, but I'm gooder at English.
- 4 The houses are more expensive and more larger in the west of the city.
- 5 Big cities are always more exciting that small cities.

- 9 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Compare places that you know. Use the comparative form of the adjectives below.

attractive busy exciting expensive noisy
rainy safe small sunny warm

I think Budapest is more attractive than ...

I agree. / I disagree. I think ...

5B Comparatives

1 Write the comparative forms of these adjectives.

➡ 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

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| 1 early | 5 wet | 9 large |
| 2 quick | 6 popular | 10 exciting |
| 3 excited | 7 kind | 11 polluted |
| 4 sunny | 8 expensive | 12 warm |

2 Complete the facts with the comparative form of the correct adjective from each pair. ➡ 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

- Vegetables are _____ for your health than cakes.
(good / bad)
- The Pacific Ocean is _____ than the Indian Ocean.
(big / small)
- Dolphins are usually _____ than sharks.
(friendly / unfriendly)
- The Pyramids in Egypt are _____ than the Eiffel Tower in Paris. (old / modern)
- Daniel Radcliffe is _____ than Tom Hanks.
(old / young)
- Travelling by plane is _____ than travelling by car.
(safe / dangerous)
- From the UK, Singapore is _____ than Berlin.
(far / near)
- In Australia, rugby is _____ than football.
(popular / unpopular)

3 Look at the information about these two celebrities and write sentences using the comparative form of the adjectives. Remember to include *than*. ➡ 5.1, 5.3, 5.4

	Joey B	Carly J
Age	19	24
Height	1.86 m	1.72 m
Money	\$2.8 million	\$6 million
Number of fans	6 million	5 million
Work (days per year)	320 days	210 days

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| 1 young | 5 hard-working |
| 2 tall | 6 old |
| 3 rich | 7 short |
| 4 popular | |

1 *Joey is younger than Carly.*

4 Write sentences about famous people using the comparative form of these adjectives. Give your own opinions. ➡ 5.1, 5.3, 5.4

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| 1 creative | 5 nice |
| 2 famous | 6 attractive |
| 3 rich | 7 unusual |
| 4 funny | 8 intelligent |

1 *I think Adele is more creative than Taylor Swift.*