



ENGLISH

Chapter 21 Session A

3rd
SECONDARY

COMPARATIVES Comparisons



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Comparisons

Focus »

making comparisons

Grammar »

comparatives and superlatives:
more ... than/the most ...

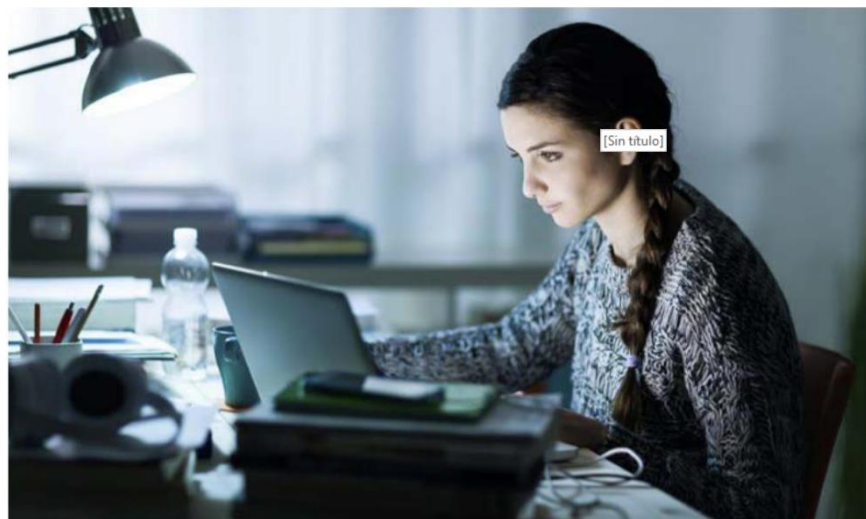
Vocabulary »

adjectives to describe people

Get talking!

1 Talk about the pictures with a partner.

What can you see? What's happening?



Conversation



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Mom: Keisha? It's your mother. I'm worried about you. You haven't called for a while.

Keisha: Oh, hi, Mom. I'm fine. I've been busy, that's all.

Mom: What are your classes like this year? I hope they're better than last year.

Keisha: Yes, they are. The teachers are great. It's more interesting than last year, and a lot more fun!

Mom: Remember, your final exams are at the end of the year. Are you studying hard?

Keisha: Of course I am, Mom. I have less free time now, and the classes are more difficult.

Mom: You're lucky. Life was harder when I was young. I never went to college. I had to stay at home.

Keisha: Mom, please. Not again. It's not as easy as you think, you know.

Mom: You should study harder! It's not a vacation.

You have to get the best grades.

Keisha: OK, OK, I'll try ...

Mom: Hey, what's that noise?

Keisha: Er ... We're having a dorm party.

Mom: What? A party?

Keisha: Sorry, Mom. I have to go now. I'll call you later. Bye!

2 Practice the conversation with a partner.



OW.

Language box



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You should study **harder**!

My classes are **more interesting** than last year.

I have **less** free time now.

It's not **as easy as** you think.

It's **better than** high school.

You have to get **the best** grades.

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Comparatives and superlatives

We often use **comparatives** and **superlatives** when we describe people and things.

Affirmative	Comparative	Superlative
old	older	the oldest
big	bigger	the biggest
busy	busier	the busiest
careful	more careful	the most careful
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful

Most adjectives with one syllable: **-er/-est**

Most adjectives with two or more syllables:

more/the most

Use **than** to compare two people or things:

I am older **than** my sister.

more/less

This book is **more** interesting (than that one).

That book is **less** interesting (than this one).

the most/the least

This book is **the most** exciting I've ever read.

That store is **the least** expensive.

as ... as

Tokyo is **as** crowded **as** New York.

New York is **not as** big **as** Tokyo.

Some adjectives are irregular:

good/better/best

bad/worse/worst

1

Complete the questions using the superlative forms of the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 What's _____ movie you've ever seen? (good)
- 2 What's _____ book you've ever read? (bad)
- 3 What's _____ exam you've ever taken? (hard)
- 4 What's _____ city you've ever visited? (polluted)

- 5 What's _____ thing you've done this year? (**exciting**)
- 6 Who's _____ teacher you've ever had? (**strict**)
- 7 Where's _____ place you've ever been to? (**crowded**)
- 8 Who's _____ person you've ever met? (**disorganized**)



Challenge!

Ask and answer the questions in exercise 1 with a partner.

2

Complete the questions using the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in parentheses.

- 1 What's _____ (small) country in the world?
- 2 Who's _____ (rich) person in the world?
- 3 Can a leopard run _____ (fast) a cheetah?
- 4 Is Greenland _____ (large) island in the world?
- 5 Which country is _____ (popular) for tourists to visit?
- 6 What is _____ (tall) building in the world?
- 7 Is Alaska _____ (cold) Antarctica?
- 8 What language is _____ (common) English?

3

Match each question in exercise 2 with an answer. Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

a No, it can't.

b Chinese

c No, it isn't.

d France

e No, Australia is larger.

f the Vatican City

g The Burj Khalifa in Dubai

h Bill Gates



Challenge!

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Make a group and write three more general knowledge questions. Then ask your classmates the questions.

Vocabulary

1 Match each adjective with a picture.

1 F selfish

3 punctual

5 bad-tempered

2 disorganized

4 outgoing

6 romantic



2**Complete the sentences using these adjectives.**

confident

easygoing

forgetful

optimistic

sensitive

sociable

strict

stingy

- 1 I don't want to see anyone tonight. I'm not feeling very _____.
- 2 My high school science teacher was really _____.
We always had to do our homework.
- 3 Kai is so _____. He left home this morning without the front door key!
- 4 I don't know why you're crying. Please don't be so _____.
- 5 Things aren't so bad. Try to be more _____.
- 6 I'm _____ that I can finish all my homework before Sunday.
- 7 Tim is very _____. He never buys any drinks when we go out.
- 8 I love working here. The atmosphere is so relaxed and _____.

3

Which adjectives describe you? Tell a partner.

I think I'm fairly easygoing.

Real life exchange



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Then practice with a partner.

A: What do you think of your new ¹ _____?

B: It's great. It's ² _____ than my old one, and it isn't as ³ _____.

A: What's your ⁴ _____ like?

B: A lot ⁵ _____ than my old one, so I'm very happy about that.

A: Sounds fantastic! No wonder you're glad you ⁶ _____.

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Use these words to make more conversations.

Conversation 1

- 1 English school
- 2 friendlier
- 3 expensive
- 4 teacher
- 5 less strict
- 6 started lessons there

Conversation 2

- 1 aerobics class
- 2 easier
- 3 crowded
- 4 instructor
- 5 more punctual
- 6 changed class

Conversation 3

- 1 part-time job
- 2 better paid
- 3 tiring
- 4 boss
- 5 more easygoing
- 6 got the job