

UNIT 6

Language focus

1 Comparative adjectives: one syllable

Complete the article. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.



Are you really getting a cheap ticket when you fly with a no-frills airline?

Fares on the no-frills airlines are usually *lower* ¹ (low) than on the traditional airlines, but there are other costs to think about.

Traditional airlines fly from the big airports that are ² (near) to the city centres. No-frills airlines normally use airports that are ³ (far) away.

Transport to and from the big airports is ⁴ (good), and the rail and bus services are generally

⁵ (cheap). There is also a ⁶ (big) choice of low-cost car parks at main airports.

No-frills airlines don't normally serve meals on the flight. You pay for sandwiches and drinks, and also for in-flight entertainment.

So the total cost of flying with a no-frills airline can be ⁷ (high) than flying with a traditional airline. And total travelling time can be a lot ⁸ (long).

2 Superlative adjectives: one syllable

Look at the survey. Complete the sentences. Use the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Which is the best no-frills airlines?			
	JumpJet	BestFlight	SkyLine
How good is the website?	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓✓
How cheap are the fares?	✓✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓✓
How big is the discount for online bookings?	5%	5%	10%
How quick is the check-in time?			
How long are the delays?			
How new are the planes?	✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
How much leg room is there?	60 cm	55 cm	50 cm

JumpJet has the best _____ ¹ (good) website.
 _____ ² (cheap) fares.
 _____ ³ (big) discount for online bookings.
 _____ ⁴ (quick) check-in time.
 _____ ⁵ (long) delays.
 _____ ⁶ (new) planes.
 _____ ⁷ (small) amount of leg room.

3 Comparative adjectives: as ... as





Look at the survey in 2 again. Use the words in brackets to write sentences with *as ... as*.

- BestFlight's website is as good as SkyLine's.*
 (BestFlight's website / good / SkyLine's)
- BestFlight's fares are not as cheap as JumpJet's.*
 (BestFlight's fares / cheap / JumpJet's)
- _____
 (JumpJet's discount for online bookings / big / BestFlight's)
- _____
 (SkyLine's check-in time / quick / BestFlight's)
- _____
 (JumpJet's delays / long / SkyLine's)
- _____
 (SkyLine's planes / new / JumpJet's)
- _____
 (BestFlight's amount of leg room / small / SkyLine's)

4 Comparative adjectives: two or more syllables

Look at the survey of the business-class services of four transatlantic airlines. Complete the sentences below. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets and *than*.



	 Transworld	 North-East	 KDM	 Atlantica
Fares (NY-London return)	\$1,749	\$1,599	\$1,899	\$1,439
Check-in systems	4 mins	8 mins	5 mins	7 mins
Schedules	Quite reliable	Very reliable	Reliable	Not reliable
Seats	60 cm	55 cm	65 cm	50 cm
Staff	Not helpful	Quite helpful	Helpful	Very helpful

- North-East's fares are less expensive than (expensive) Transworld's.
- KDM's check-in systems are _____ (efficient) Atlantica's.
- KDM's schedules are _____ (reliable) North-East's.
- North-East's seats are _____ (comfortable) Transworld's.
- KDM's staff are _____ (helpful) North-East's.

5 Superlative adjectives: two or more syllables

Write sentences comparing the airline services. Use the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- KDM's fares are the most expensive.
Atlantica's fares are the least expensive.
(expensive)
- _____
(efficient)
- _____
(reliable)
- _____
(comfortable)
- _____
(helpful)

6 Superlative adjectives

Complete the magazine article. Use the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

CONCORDE REMEMBERED

By Will Blake



In 2003, we said goodbye to *the fastest* ¹ (fast), ² (famous) and ³ (beautiful) passenger airliner in the world: Concorde. For both Air France and British Airways, it was goodbye to ⁴ (exciting) plane they had and ⁵ (good) advertisement for their airlines.

Scientists developed ⁶ (early) plans for Concorde in the 1950s. It was ⁷ (important) international air project of its time. It was also one of ⁸ (difficult). Commercial flights only started in 1979.

Unfortunately, Concorde could only carry 128 passengers, so the costs per passenger were ⁹ (high) in the world. The air fares were ¹⁰ (expensive) in the world. Only ¹¹ (rich) customers could pay. The situation could not continue.

Concorde's last commercial flight was on October 24, 2003. For many of us, it was one of ¹² (sad) days in flying history.

7 Practice drills: Comparative and superlative adjectives

6.1, 6.2 Follow the instructions on the Student's CD/Cassette. If necessary, refer to the Listening scripts on p.83.



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Pronunciation The /ə/ sound

Read the phrases aloud and mark the main stress.

as easy as	taller than	less expensive than
the newest	the most reliable	
as late as	better than	more famous than
the quickest	the most famous	

Read the phrases again and underline the /ə/ sound.

<u>as</u> <u>easy</u> <u>as</u>	taller <u>than</u>	less <u>expensive</u> <u>than</u>
the <u>newest</u>	the most <u>reliable</u>	
as <u>late</u> <u>as</u>	better <u>than</u>	more <u>famous</u> <u>than</u>
the <u>quickest</u>	the most <u>famous</u>	

6.3 Listen and repeat the phrases.

Air travel

- 1 Complete the sentences. Use the phrases in the box.

duty-free shop ~~hand-luggage~~ seat-belts
flight attendant overhead locker

- 1 I'm afraid you can only take one piece of hand-luggage with you, Madam.
- 2 Have we got time to stop at the _____ and buy some cognac?
- 3 Could you put my bag in the _____ for me, please? I can't reach!
- 4 Would all passengers please make sure their _____ are fastened.
- 5 I'm thirsty. I'm going to ask the _____ for a drink of water.

- 2 Complete the word pairs. Use the words in the box.

card luggage passport seat
desk ~~officer~~ screen security

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|---|-------------|------------------|---|---------|---|
| 1 | customs | } <u>officer</u> | 5 | aisle | } |
| | security | | | window | |
| 2 | arrivals | } | 6 | | } |
| | departures | | | label | |
| 3 | boarding | } | 7 | | } |
| | landing | | | check | |
| 4 | check-in | } | 8 | | } |
| | information | | | control | |
| | | | | number | |

- 3 Complete the sentences with word pairs from 2.

- 1 Quick! We're late. Put all the suitcases on this _____, then let's go!
- 2 First, we need to go to the _____ with our luggage.
- 3 I'd like a _____. I want to see the view when we go over the mountains.
- 4 Look, our flight is showing on the _____ up there. Gate 25.
- 5 Flight IL8614 is boarding now. Please have your passport and _____ ready.
- 6 This is a _____. Please make sure that you keep your luggage with you at all times.
- 7 We regret that there may be delays on some flights because of the need for extra _____ at this time.

Making arrangements

Complete the telephone conversation. Use the phrases in the box.

Could we arrange another time?
Is Friday morning possible for you?
See you on Friday afternoon at 2.00.
When would be convenient for you?

How about two o'clock?
When are you free?
No, I'm afraid I'm busy then.
10 a.m. suits me fine.

STEVE Is that Maria Pertini?

MARIA Yes. Speaking.

STEVE Hello, this is Steve
Holmes. I'm flying to
Milan later this week,
so could we arrange a
meeting to discuss the
Elco project?

MARIA Yes, of course. Let me
see. I can see you on
Thursday or Friday.

STEVE

MARIA Yes, that's OK. Shall we say 10 o'clock?

STEVE

MARIA

Ah! Wait a moment.

I've got a meeting with a client.

STEVE

MARIA

STEVE

MARIA

STEVE

MARIA

Yes, that's fine.

Good.



6.4 Listen to the conversation and check your answers.

6.5 Listen and repeat the phrases on the Student's CD/Cassette.

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