

1 LANGUAGE FOCUS • Comparative adjectives

I can compare places and things.

1 Write the comparative form of the adjectives in the table.

Short adjectives			Long adjectives	
	Adjective	Comparative	Adjective	Comparative
Regular	quiet	quieter	dangerous	more dangerous
End in -e	clean, slow	_____ , _____	modern, expensive	_____ , _____
End in consonant + y	nice, safe	_____ , _____		
End in consonant + vowel + consonant	friendly, pretty	_____ , _____		
	big, hot	_____ , _____		



2 Write sentences using the correct comparative form of the adjectives in brackets. How do you say **than** in your language?

New York / is / than / Washington. (big)

New York is **bigger than** Washington.

- It's / here / than / in my country. (expensive)
- The weather today / is / than / it was yesterday. (bad)
- Why / is / this class / than / the other class? (quiet)
- Are / the buildings / in New York / than / the buildings in Oxford? (modern)
- This house / is / than / that house. (pretty)

4 Read *City on the Sea* (page 16) again. You may discover some letters pronounced differently in different words. Now indicate the word whose **bold part** differs from the other three in pronunciation.

- a. sea b. square c. star d. cinemas
- a. cabin b. comfortable c. café d. cinema
- a. trees b. plants c. sports d. shops
- a. **work** b. swimming c. **twenty** d. answer

5 **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Compare your opinions about some of the things in the box. Use the Key Phrases and comparative adjectives.

two cities two sports teams two shops
two restaurants or cafés two TV programmes
two video games two streets two people

3 1.17 PRONUNCIATION: /ə/ sound in comparatives

Listen and repeat the examples.

- cleaner
- safer
- It's **nicer than** New York.
- I think Gino's is **cheaper than** Luigi's.

Now indicate the word whose **bold part** differs from the other three in pronunciation.

- a. cleaner b. woman c. mother d. man
- a. nicer b. safer c. about d. any
- a. cheaper b. bigger c. compete d. tutor
- a. larger b. enter c. grammar d. verb

KEY PHRASES

Comparing opinions

I think ... Yes, you're right. Really? I think ...

I think Hội An is prettier than Hà Nội.

Really? I think Hà Nội is prettier.

Finished?

Make puzzle sentences about objects or places using comparative adjectives.

It's faster than a car, but slower than a plane. (a train)