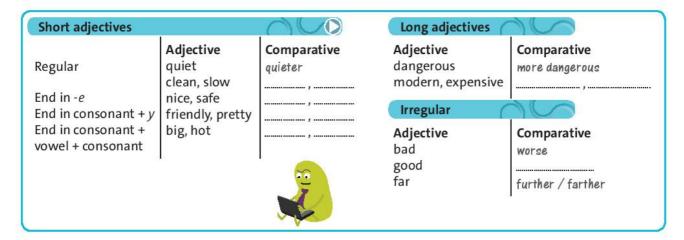
LANGUAGE FOCUS • Comparative adjectives I can compare places and things.

Write the comparative form of the adjectives in the table.



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.

- 1 It's / here / than / in my country. (expensive)
- 2 The weather today / is / than / it was yesterday. (bad)
- 3 Why / is / this class / than / the other class? (quiet)
- 4 Are / the buildings / in New York / than / the buildings in Oxford? (modern)
- 5 This house / is / than / that house. (pretty)
- 3 ()1.17 PRONUNCIATION: /ə/ sound in comparatives

Listen and repeat the examples.

- 1 cleaner
- 2 safer
- 3 It's nicer than New York.
- 4 I think Gino's is cheaper than Luigi's.

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

1	a. cleaner	b. wom a n	c. mother	d. man
2	a. nicer	b. saf e r	c. about	d. a ny
3	a. cheaper	b. bigg e r	c. compete	d. tut o r
4	a. larger	b. ent e r	c. grammar	d. verb

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.

1 a. sea b. square d. cinemas c. star 2 a. cabin b. comfortable c. café d. cinema 3 a. trees b. plants c. sports d. shops 4 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

KEY PHRASES

Comparing opinions

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

l think Hội An is prettier than Hã 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)