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## 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)

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

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

## 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)