

9 City living

Comparative and superlative adjectives • *have got*
Town and country • Directions

STARTER

- 1 Think of a town or city in your country. Say where it is.
*It's ... in the north/the south-east on the River ...
near the mountains ... kilometres from the sea*
- 2 **T9.1** Listen to the descriptions of two cities Which cities are they?

LONDON AND PARIS

Comparative adjectives

- 1 **T9.2** Read and listen to the conversation.

- A** Which do you prefer, London or Paris?
B Well, I'm from Paris, so of course I love Paris.
A London's a lot bigger than Paris.
B It's true. Paris is much smaller, but it's more romantic!
A Yes, this is what people say.
B And the food is better.
A Well, I'm not so sure about that ...

What are the differences between London and Paris?

London's bigger than Paris.

Practise the conversation.

GRAMMAR SPOT

- 1 Regular comparative adjectives add *-er* or *more*. Complete the chart.
big **bigger** romantic _____ small _____ expensive _____
What are the rules? When do we add *-er*? When do we use *more*?
- 2 Some adjectives are irregular. good **better** bad _____
▶▶ Grammar Reference 9.1 p139

- 2 What is the comparative form of the adjectives in the box?
tall – taller expensive – more expensive

tall expensive hot cheap nice wet warm cold polite beautiful bad good

Work with a partner. Test each other on the comparative forms.
Check the spelling.

The Eiffel Tower, Paris.

The Gherkin, London.

- 3 Look at the pictures of London and Paris.
Compare the two cities. Use *I think ...* and the adjectives from exercise 2.

- the Eiffel Tower/the Gherkin
I think The Eiffel Tower is taller than the Gherkin.
- the Metro/the Underground – €€€? £££?
I think the Metro is ...
- the weather – warm? wet?
I think it's ...
- the buildings
I think the buildings ...
- the people
I think the people ...



- 4 **T9.3** Listen and practise the sentences.

- 5 **T9.4** Listen to Rob, an Englishman who lives and works in Paris. Complete his sentences.

- 1 The Metro is cheaper and easier to use than the Underground.
- 2 Paris is certainly _____ than London.
- 3 Paris, in fact, is _____ than London; but in London there are _____ wet days.
- 4 The architecture in Paris is _____, but the buildings in London are _____.
- 5 Life is _____ in London.
- 6 Londoners are generally _____ than Parisians.
- 7 People in London work _____ and they earn _____.
- 8 In Paris, having a good time is _____.

- 6 Work with a partner. Close your books.
Try to remember what Rob said.

PRACTICE

Comparing cities

- 1 Complete the conversations using the adjectives.

- 1 **A** New York is older than London. (old)
B No, it isn't! New York is much more modern! (modern)
- 2 **A** Tokyo is _____ Bangkok. (cheap)
B No, it isn't! Tokyo's much _____! (expensive)
- 3 **A** Seoul is _____ Beijing. (big)
B No, it isn't! Seoul is much _____! (small)
- 4 **A** Johannesburg is _____ Cape Town. (safe)
B No, it isn't! It's much _____! (dangerous)
- 5 **A** Taxi drivers in New York are _____ taxi drivers in London. (good)
B No, they aren't! They're much _____! (bad)

T9.5 Listen and check.

- 2 Work with a partner. Practise the conversations in exercise 1.
Be careful with stress and intonation.

New York is much more modern!

- 3 Work in small groups. Compare two capital cities you know.
... is bigger than ... it is nearer the ... , but ... is safer ...

