

COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Compare choices and show the size of a difference.

1. READ: Choosing a new flat

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Eva: Which flat did you prefer?

Luis: The second. It's **much brighter than** the first one.

Eva: But it's **a bit more expensive**, isn't it?

Luis: Yes, though the first isn't **as close to** the station.

Eva: What about the third place?

Luis: It has **the biggest** kitchen, but the bedroom is tiny. I think the second is the best compromise.

2. GRAMMAR: Comparisons and degree

Use comparatives for differences, superlatives within a group, and as...as for equality.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Difference	-er / more + adjective + than	It is brighter than this one.
Degree	much / a bit + comparative	It is much brighter.
Equality / highest	as...as / the + superlative	It is as big. It is the biggest.

Irregular: good - better - best; bad - worse - worst.

Degree: much / far = a large difference; a bit / slightly = a small difference.

Not as...as shows inequality: This room isn't as bright as that one.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. This room is much / very bigger.
2. It's more cheap / cheaper than mine.
3. That is the better / best of the three.
4. It isn't as quiet than / as this one.
5. This one is a bit / a bit of smaller.
6. The view is better / more better here.
7. It's the most / more comfortable chair here.
8. This is as / more big as mine.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Three flats

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. This flat is _____ (bright) than the first one.
2. It is a bit _____ (expensive) than our current home.
3. The third flat has the _____ (large) kitchen of the three.
4. The second flat is _____ (good) than the first for commuting.
5. The first flat isn't as _____ (close) to the station as the second.
6. The third is the _____ (bad) choice for our budget.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Rewrite with not as...as.

Example: A is cheaper than B. **B isn't as cheap as A.**

1. This bag is lighter than that bag.
2. Jo is taller than Ben.

3-4: Rewrite using the modifier given. Example: A is considerably bigger. (much) **A is much bigger.**

3. This room is considerably brighter. (much)
4. This journey is slightly longer. (a bit)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Compare three places, products or activities. Include a modified comparative and a superlative.

Example: **The train is much faster than the bus. Cycling is the cheapest option.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Compare three options for a trip, a meal or a new phone.

Agree on the best choice and explain why the differences matter.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 1. much | 2. cheaper |
| 3. best | 4. as |
| 5. a bit | 6. better |
| 7. most | 8. as |

B. COMPLETE: Three flats

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|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. brighter | 2. more expensive |
| 3. largest | 4. better |
| 5. close | 6. worst |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. That bag isn't as light as this bag.
2. Ben isn't as tall as Jo.
3. This room is much brighter.
4. This journey is a bit longer.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: The bus is a bit cheaper than the train. The train is much faster. Walking is the slowest option.

Teacher note: Check direction of meaning in not as...as transformations. Accept far for much and slightly for a bit where tasks permit.