

Comparative adjectives

1 ★ Write the comparative forms of the adjectives in the box.

bad big clean dangerous dirty
good popular pretty quiet safe
far expensive

Short adjectives
<i>cleaner</i>

Long adjectives

Irregular

2 ★★ Complete each sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

London is bigger than Paris. (small)

Paris is smaller than London.

- 1 The library is older than the cinema. (modern)
The cinema _____
- 2 The bus station is nearer than the train station. (far)
The train station _____
- 3 These houses are more expensive than those flats. (cheap)
Those flats _____
- 4 Geneva is quieter than New York. (noisy)
New York _____
- 5 The sports centre is cleaner than the shopping centre. (dirty)
The shopping centre _____
- 6 The swimming pool is safer than the river. (dangerous)
The river _____

3 ★★★ Read the description of two towns, Weston and Kinton. Then write sentences about them using the comparative form of the adjectives.

Weston isn't a nice town. It isn't clean, and it's very noisy and dangerous. In Weston, people are really unfriendly. Weston is an ugly town, but its flats aren't very expensive.

Kinton is a really pretty town and it isn't noisy. It's safe and clean too, and the people are really friendly. But it isn't cheap. Flats in Kinton are really expensive!

- (noisy) *Weston is noisier than Kinton.*
- 1 (quiet) _____
 - 2 (clean) _____
 - 3 (dangerous) _____
 - 4 (safe) _____
 - 5 (ugly) _____
 - 6 (cheap) _____
 - 7 (expensive) _____
 - 8 (friendly) _____

Prepositions: *by* and *on*

4 ★★ Complete the sentences with *by* or *on*.

- It's cheaper by bus.
- 1 A return ticket _____ the train is £15.20.
 - 2 Paris is two hours from here _____ plane.
 - 3 It's about twenty minutes to the shops _____ car.
 - 4 How much is a single ticket _____ the coach?
 - 5 It's more dangerous on foot than _____ car.
 - 6 The park is an hour from here _____ foot.
 - 7 Maria is _____ the plane now.
 - 8 I really hate travelling _____ train.

5 ★★ Complete the dialogue with *by* or *on*.

Woman Good morning. Can I help you?
Dylan Yes, I want to visit Liverpool by coach or ¹_____ train.

Woman It's only two hours from here ²_____ the train. It's faster ³_____ train than ⁴_____ coach.

Dylan That's interesting.
Woman And the station isn't far. It's ten minutes from here ⁵_____ foot or two minutes ⁶_____ the bus.

Dylan Great. Thanks very much.