

**Comparing places comparatives practice  
with countries and nationalities vocabulary**

*Choose one of the places below but don't say its name. Give hints by comparing it to other places until your partner guesses which place you are speaking about. They can only guess once per hint. When they have guessed correctly, they will say if they think all your comparisons are true or not. Then take turns doing the same.*

Useful phrases for comparing places			
It is	a little/ slightly quite a lot/ considerably/ substantially far/ much	more beautiful – uglier bigger/ larger – smaller cheaper – more expensive cleaner – dirtier closer to/ nearer... - further from... cloudier colder – hotter more corrupt more cosmopolitan more dangerous/ riskier – safer more democratic – more repressive more developed – more old-fashioned/ more primitive drier – more humid/ wetter drier – rainier/ wetter further east/ more easterly – further west/ more westerly flatter – more mountainous better for... - worse for... more historic more important longer more modern – more traditional further north/ more northerly – further south/ more southerly poorer – richer/ wealthier more popular more powerful – weaker snowier more stable – more unstable more touristic more tropical wider windier	than

**Useful phrases for giving feedback**

Actually, I don't think that... is more.../ ...er than...

I'm not sure if... is (really) more.../ ...er than...

Actually, I think... is more.../ ...er than...

## **Countries**

- Argentina
- Belgium
- Brazil
- (Mainland) China
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- (The) Czech Republic
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- (The Republic of) Ireland
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Malta
- Mongolia
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- South Korea
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- The Maldives
- The Netherlands
- The Philippines
- The Seychelles
- The United Kingdom
- The United States
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Vietnam
- Zimbabwe

## **Other places (cities, regions, seas, etc)**

- Athens
- Beijing
- Brussels
- Central America
- Central Asia
- Central Europe
- Chiba prefecture
- Cologne
- East Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Florence

- Frankfurt
- Geneva
- Guangzhou (= Canton)
- Kiev
- LA
- Latin America
- London
- MENA
- Milan
- Moscow
- Munich
- Naples
- North Africa
- North America
- North Korea
- Northern Europe
- Paris
- Perth
- Prague
- Rome
- Scandinavia
- Shenzhen
- Shinagawa ward
- South America
- South Asia/ The Indian Subcontinent
- Southeast Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- The (North/ South) Atlantic
- The (South) Pacific
- The Antarctic
- The Arctic
- The British Isles
- The Caribbean
- The Equator
- The Gulf of Mexico
- The Hague
- The Mediterranean
- The Middle East
- The Red Sea
- The Sea of Japan
- The Straits of Malacca
- Turin
- Vancouver
- Venice
- Vienna
- Warsaw

### Comparative adjectives presentation

Without looking above, write the correct comparative form of each word below.

It is		beautiful		–		ugly	than
		big	large	–		small	
		cheap		–		expensive	
		clean		–		dirty	
		close to	near...	–		far from...	
		cloudy					
		cold			–	hot	
		corrupt					
		cosmopolitan					
		dangerous			–	safe	
		democratic			–	repressive	
		developed		–		old-fashioned	
		dry	–	humid	wet	rainy	
		flat		–		mountainous	
		good for...			–	bad for...	
		historic					
		important					
		long					
		modern			–	traditional	
		poor	–		rich	wealthy	
		popular					
		powerful			–	weak	
		stable			–	unstable	
		snowy					
	touristic						
	tropical						
	wide						
	windy						

Check your answers above. Other answers may be possible.

What are the rules for making comparative adjectives?

Write suitable expressions in the empty column above (second from the left) to show how different things are. Then use the mixed answers under the fold to help.

-----cover, -fold or cut-----

#### Mixed answers

a little	considerably	far	
much	quite a lot	slightly	substantially

Play the same comparing and guessing game with other topics, for example:

kinds of transport	famous buildings	animals	plants
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### Country and nationality words presentation

*Without looking above, write the country word for each nationality word below.*

	Argentinian Belgian Brazilian (Mainland) Chinese Croatian Cypriot Czech Egyptian Ethiopian Georgian German Greek Italian Irish Jordanian Kazakh Maltese Mongolian Russian Saudi Arabian South Korean Swedish Swiss Thai Dutch Philippine/ Filipino British American Turkish Ukrainian Vietnamese Zimbabwean
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*Check your answers above*

*Test each other on the country and nationality words:*

- Read out a country word and nationality word (in either order) and get your partner to repeat them back with the country word first
- Say a nationality word and see if your partner can say the country
- Say a country word and see if your partner can say the nationality
- Read out a country word or a nationality word (not worth) and get your partner to identify what it is and say the other version