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What ... like?

Comparatives and superlatives

Adjectives • Writing – describing a place

Tell me! What's it like?

What ... like?

1 What is/are ... like?

1 Your friend is living in Australia for a year. Ask questions about the country.

1 the weather

What's the weather like?

2 the countryside

3 the people

4 the towns

5 Sydney

6 the beaches

7 the TV programmes



2 **T 6.1** Match a question in exercise 1 with an answer.

- a There aren't many. They're mainly on the coast.
- b It's hot nearly all year round.
- c It's a lovely place. The Opera House is fantastic.
- d There are millions of sheep and a lot of desert.
- e They have beautiful white sand, and are miles long.
- f They're really nice and friendly.
- g They're OK. Pretty similar to home, really.

2 What was/were ... like?

T 6.2 Complete the questions about Robert's terrible holiday.

- 1 A What was the hotel like?
B Awful. My room was tiny, and the service was bad.
- 2 A What like?
B It was terrible. I waited over six hours for the plane.
- 3 A What like?
B Awful! It rained every day!
- 4 A What like?
B They were crowded and dirty. There was no sand on them, just stones!
- 5 A What like?
B Disgusting! Chips with everything and they didn't cook it very well.

Comparatives and superlatives

3 Forming comparatives and superlatives

Look at this extract from the *Oxford Wordpower Dictionary*. It shows when an adjective with a consonant doubles in the comparative and superlative forms.

big /bɪg/ adj. (bigger, biggest)
1 large: *Manchester is a big city.*
2 important: *I have some big news!*

Look at your dictionary. Does it give the same information? Write the comparative and superlative forms of these adjectives.

happy	<i>happier</i>	<i>happiest</i>
beautiful	_____	_____
new	_____	_____
lovely	_____	_____
hot	_____	_____
good	_____	_____
handsome	_____	_____
mean	_____	_____
generous	_____	_____

thin	_____	_____
busy	_____	_____
patient	_____	_____
young	_____	_____
bad	_____	_____
comfortable	_____	_____
rude	_____	_____
fit	_____	_____
large	_____	_____

4 How old am I?

Read the text and answer the questions.

I have two sisters, Abigail and Jill, and two brothers, Graham and Robert. Abigail is twenty. Jill is six years younger than Abigail, but she is two years older than Robert. Robert is four years younger than me, and he is eight years younger than Graham.

1 How old am I?

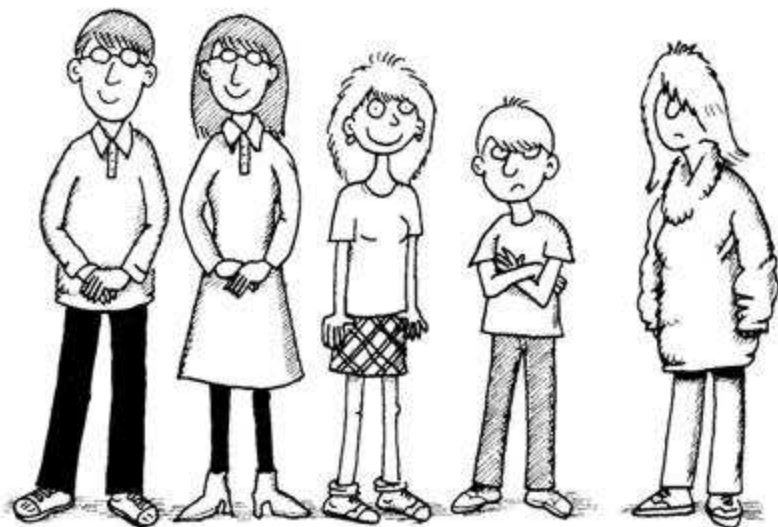
2 Who is the youngest in the family?

3 How old is Robert?

4 Is Jill older than me?

5 Am I the oldest in the family?

6 Who are the twins?



5 Opposite adjectives

T 6.3 Complete the sentences with an opposite adjective in its comparative or superlative form.

- Robert is the oldest in the family.
No, he isn't. He's the youngest.
- Bob is more polite than his brother.
No, he isn't. He's runder.
- I'm the tallest in this class!
No, you aren't. You're the shortest.
- My homework was worse than yours.
No, it wasn't. It was better.
- The weather today is colder than yesterday.
No, it isn't. It's hotter / warmer.
- She bought the cheapest watch in the shop.
No, she didn't. She bought the most expensive.
- Jack's meaner than Alan.
No, he isn't. He's more generous.
- Janet arrived later than John.
No, she didn't. She arrived earlier.
- This is the easiest exercise in this book.
No, it isn't. It's the most difficult.

6 as or than?

Complete the sentences with *as* or *than*.

- Are you as tall as your brother?
- She's not as clever as her sister.
- Was Joan's party better than Maria's?
- I'm studying the same subject as Emma.
- Liz works much harder than John.
- I haven't got as many cousins as you.

7 as ... as / not as ... as

T 6.4 Rewrite the sentences with *as ... as* or *not as ... as*.

- Bob's taller than Jack.
Jack's not as tall as Bob.
- Bob got more presents than Jack.
Jack didn't get as many presents as Bob.
- Jill's more intelligent than Bill.
Bill's not as intelligent as Jill.
- The sun's hotter than the moon.
The moon isn't as hot as the sun.
- Are you and your husband the same age?
Are you as old as your husband?
- You can read more quickly than I can.
I can't read as quickly as you.
- Harry won more money than Bill.
Bill didn't win as much money as Harry.
- 'Is Switzerland bigger than Luxembourg?' 'Yes, it is.'
'Is Luxembourg as big as Switzerland?'
'No, it isn't.'
- Eva's work is better than mine.
My work isn't as good as Eva's.
- Dogs are friendlier than cats.
Cats aren't as friendly as dogs.

8 Making sentences about you

Write nine sentences about you and your family. (Three comparatives, three superlatives, and three with *as ... as*.)

- I'm more hard-working than my sister.*
My grandfather is the oldest.
I'm not as patient as my mother.

Vocabulary

9 Adjective formation

1 Use the suffixes in the box to write the adjectives formed from these nouns. They have all appeared in Unit 6 of the Student's Book.

-y -ed -ing -al -ful -ate -ial -ous -ent -tic

Noun	Adjective
1 success	
2 luck	_____
3 romance	_____
4 wind	_____
5 difference	_____
6 happiness	_____
7 depression	_____
8 health	_____
9 person	_____

Noun	Adjective
10 wealth	_____
11 generosity	_____
12 mess	_____
13 noise	_____
14 dirt	_____
15 pollution	_____
16 finance	_____
17 medicine	_____
18 fortune	_____

2 Complete the sentences with an adjective from 1.

- My dad's really _____. He's always buying presents for everyone.
- Before you can get a credit card, you have to provide a lot of _____ details.
- I try to lead a _____ lifestyle – lots of exercise, fruit, and no junk food.
- The disco was so _____ that you couldn't hear yourself speak.
- After the earthquake, the country needed a lot of _____ equipment to look after the sick and wounded.
- She had a car crash, but she was _____ to escape with no injuries at all.
- Venice is a very _____ city. A lot of people go there on honeymoon.
- Here is the _____ news. Share prices on the Dow Jones Index have fallen dramatically.
- After a heart attack, he needed major surgery, but fortunately the operation was _____.
- I didn't like that city at all. The streets were so _____ and the air was so _____.



Writing – Relative clauses

10 *who/that/which/where*



We use *who, that, which, and where* to join sentences.

Who, that, which, and where are relative pronouns. Look at these sentences.

I met the man. **He** works in the bank.
I met the man **who** works in the bank.

who = person/people

I bought the coat. **It** was in the shop window.

I bought the coat **which/that** was in the shop window.

which/that = thing/things

The hotel was very comfortable. We stayed **in it**.

The hotel **where** we stayed was very comfortable.

where (in which) = place

Join the sentences with the correct relative pronoun.

- 1 There's the boy. He broke the window.

- 2 That's the palace. The King lives in it.

- 3 There are the policemen. They caught the thief.

- 4 He gave her a watch. It stopped after two days.

- 5 The Red Lion is the pub. We met in it for a drink.

- 6 Here are the letters. They arrived this morning.

- 7 That's the house. I was born in it.

- 8 Where is the woman? She ordered the fish.

11 Describing a place

1 Read the description of a town. Complete it with *who, which, or where*.



I WAS BORN IN NEWCASTLE, a city in the north-east of England. Newcastle is on the bank of the River Tyne. It is quite big, with a population of about 200,000 people. There is a cathedral and a university. There are five bridges over the River Tyne, (1) _____ link Newcastle to the next town Gateshead, (2) _____ there is one of the biggest shopping centres in the world, the Metro Centre.

A few years ago, the main industries were shipbuilding and coal-mining, but now the chemical and soap industries are more important.

I moved from Newcastle ten years ago but I often return. I miss the people, (3) _____ are so warm and friendly, and I miss the wild, beautiful countryside near the city, (4) _____ there are so many hills and streams.

People (5) _____ are born near the River Tyne have a special name. They are called 'Geordies'. I am very pleased to be a 'Geordie'!



2 Write a similar description of your home town in about 200 words.

First write some facts about it.

- Where is it?
- Is it big or small?
- What buildings and industries does it have?

Next write some personal opinions.

- Do you like it?
- Why?