

14 Comparisons

A Complete the words with the missing letters.

Comparatives and superlatives of adjectives

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| 1 fast | faster | the fast <u>est</u> | (one syllable adjectives) |
| 2 big | bigger | the big <u></u> | (ending in one short vowel + consonant) |
| 3 easy | eas <u></u> | the eas <u></u> | (ending -y) |
| 4 expensive | more/l <u></u> | the most/l <u></u> | |
| | expensive | expensive | (two/three/four syllable adjectives) |
| 5 good/bad | better/w <u></u> | the best/w <u></u> | (irregular adjectives) |
| 6 far | fur <u></u> | the fur <u></u> | (irregular adjective) |

Useful phrases

- 7 A is more expensive t B.
- 8 A is a lot/m more expensive than B.
- 9 A is a bit/a li more expensive than B.
- 10 A is o of our b selling models.
- 11 A costs 20% m t B.
- 12 It's colder and colder/m and m difficult.
- 13 The be the quality, t m you pay.
- 14 It was the b meal I've e eaten.
- 15 A is cheap com to/in com with B.
- 16 A is (almost/twice/not) expensive B.
- 17 A is (exactly/almost/nearly/not) the s a B.
- 18 I don't have as m friends as in England.
- 19 I don't have as m time as I used to.
- 20 Bill is (exactly/just/quite/not) li his brother.

B Underline the correct words or phrases in the email.

Hi Yuko! I'm writing from an Internet café in the village of Dingle on the west coast of Ireland. I got a week's holiday from work so I came over here for a short break. I'm having a great time. It's so different compared ⁽¹⁾for/to England – even ⁽²⁾rainier/rainyer if you can believe it!

I flew to Dublin first, and I spent a couple of days there – not as ⁽³⁾much/many time as you really need because there's so much to see. The people are some of the ⁽⁴⁾friendliest/friendlier I've ⁽⁵⁾never/ever met. I found the Irish accent quite difficult at first, but I'm getting ⁽⁶⁾more and more/always more used to it. It's not cheap here – prices in Dublin were about the same ⁽⁷⁾than/as London, but here on the coast they're ⁽⁸⁾more expensive/expensiver.

I arrived here yesterday, and I can promise you, the west coast of Ireland is just ⁽⁹⁾as/so beautiful as they say – it's so green. There's live music in the pubs at night, and the later it gets the ⁽¹⁰⁾more/most people come in. That's all for now – I'm off to hear some music! Write soon. Justine.