

Language summary

Grammar

Comparatives and superlatives

Comparisons

Las Vegas is **cheaper than** San Francisco.
 New York is **more culturally diverse than** Cheyenne.
 Washington is **less high-tech than** Seoul.
 The traffic is **better** in Dallas **than** in Boston.
 Paris isn't **as warm as** San Salvador.
 Vancouver is **as beautiful as** Barcelona.

- Use comparisons to compare two things (or two groups of things).
- For one-syllable adjectives, use adjective + *-er than*.
Phoenix is hotter than Salt Lake City.
- For two-or-more-syllable adjectives, use *more* + adjective + *than*.
Chicago is more diverse than Tokyo.
- Use *less* with two-or-more-syllable adjectives.
Traveling is less difficult than it used to be.
- Use (*not*) *as* + adjective + *as* with one-or-more-syllable adjectives.
Is Rio as hot as San Jose?

Superlatives

New York is	the	biggest	city in the U.S.
Which is	the	most expensive	city in Europe?
What is	the	least expensive	city?

- Use superlatives to compare three or more things.
- For one-syllable adjectives, use *the* + adjective + *-est*.
This is the coldest city I've lived in.
- For two-or-more-syllable adjectives, use *the most* + adjective.
They are the most fun-loving people I know.
- Use *the least* with two-or-more-syllable adjectives.
This is the least expensive hotel in town.

Irregular forms

good – better – best
 bad – worse – worst
 little – less – least

Reporting commands and advice

Direct commands and advice	Reported commands and advice
"Wait!"	She told me to wait .
"Remember to get a visa!"	She reminded him to get a visa.
"Go to bed early."	He advised me to go to bed early.
"Don't go out at night!"	They told us not to go out at night.
"Don't forget your passport!"	I reminded her not to forget her passport.
"Don't go there!"	We warned you not to go there.

- Use reporting verbs to tell what someone said without using their exact words.
He said, "Buy your tickets early." (direct advice)
He told us to buy our tickets early. (reported advice)
- For negative infinitives, use *not* before *to*.
She said, "Don't go to that restaurant." (direct warning)
She warned us not to go to that restaurant. (reported warning)

Vocabulary

Compound adjectives

culturally diverse
 densely populated
 fun-loving
 high-tech
 highly educated
 open-minded
 slow-paced
 well-planned
 world-famous

Travel talk

delayed
 discounted
 expired
 guaranteed
 issued
 overbooked
 overpriced
 overrated
 packed
 upgraded

Functions

Reporting a problem

There's a problem . . .

I'm having a problem . . .

There seems to be a problem with . . .

Responding to a problem

I'll let someone know right away.

I'll get someone to take care of it.

I'll have someone get on it right away.