

Grammar Practice

Task 1: Identify the Comparative Form

Read this text comparing two cities in Canada and mark all the examples of comparatives in **bold**.

Two of my favorite Canadian cities are Quebec City in the east and Vancouver in the west. Quebec city has the charm of an old historic city. It is a lot older than Vancouver. Vancouver has an old neighborhood, but it's much younger than Quebec City's. Vancouver has a milder climate than Quebec City. People in Vancouver enjoy many beautiful gardens and parks. Stanley Park in Vancouver is bigger than most city parks. People can visit it all year round, but I think it's more fun in the spring or early summer when the flowers are in bloom. Vancouver has a larger population than Quebec City, and it's growing each year. These days, many filmmakers work in Vancouver because it is less expensive than cities like Los Angeles and New York. In Vancouver, most people speak English, while 95% of the people in Quebec City speak French. That's because the founders of Quebec were from France, and Quebec still has a European flavor. Which city is better to visit? I can't say. They're both great places, but in different ways.

Task 2: Compare the Cities

Look at the chart comparing the cities of Middletown and Lakeville. Write a sentence using the comparative form of the 7 adjectives below.

	Middletown	Lakeville
Population	100,000	50,000
Average household income	\$85,000	\$63,000
Average rent for a two-bedroom apartment	\$1,300	\$1,000
Cost of a cup of coffee	\$2	\$1
Percentage unemployed	7%	9%
Number of good hospitals	5	1
Average summer temperature	80°F (26.6°C)	68°F (20°C)

1. Population (large): _____
2. Salaries (high): _____
3. Rent price (low): _____
4. Coffee price (expensive): _____
5. Unemployment rate (high): _____
6. Medical care (good): _____
7. Summer temperature (hot): _____

Task 4: Editing

Read the sentences and correct the seven mistakes.

1. Our new apartment is much **more** comfortable than our old apartment.
2. Florida is warmer than Maine.
3. Which city is hotter ~~than~~, New York or San Francisco?
4. A motorcycle is ~~more~~-faster than a bicycle.
5. Traffic at 8:00 a.m. is heavier **than** traffic at 10:00 a.m.
6. The climate in Portland, Oregon, is warmer than the climate in Anchorage, Alaska.
7. Drew's apartment is less convenient than his sister's **apartment**.