

A2.3 Comparisons

Useful Language:

- **Reading a book is more enjoyable than watching a film.**
- **Spain is the best place to have a holiday.**
- **Paris is much cheaper than London.**

1  **Together with your partner do the general knowledge quiz below. Then check your answers on the next page.**

General Knowledge Quiz

1. Which is taller: Mt. Everest or K2?
2. Which is higher in calories: lager or wine?
3. Which is faster: the speed of light or the speed of sound?
4. Which is older: the iPad or the iPhone?
5. Who is younger: Bill Gates or Madonna?
6. Which city has a larger population: Berlin or Paris?
7. Which is further: the distance between London and New York, or the distance between London and Moscow?
8. Which is more expensive: living in Tokyo or living in Geneva?

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Answers

- 1.) Mt. Everest is 29,029 ft. tall whereas K2 is 28, 251 ft. tall. So, Everest is taller.
- 2.) Per 100 grams, beer has 32 calories while wine has 68. Therefore, wine is higher in calories.
- 3.) The speed of light is roughly 882 thousand times faster than the speed of sound. So, the speed of light is much faster.
- 4.) The 1st. generation iPad was launched on April 3rd 2010, but the 1st. generation iPhone was launched on June 29th 2007. So, the iPhone is older.
- 5.) Bill Gates was born on Oct. 28th 1955, but Madonna was born on Aug. 16th 1958. Therefore, Madonna is younger.
- 6.) Berlin has a population of 3,500,000 people whereas Paris has a population of 2,230,000 people. So, Berlin has a larger population.
- 7.) The distance between London and New York is 5,567.11 kilometres, while the distance between London and Moscow is 2,498.32 kilometres. Therefore, London to New York is further.
- 8.) According to a report published by the Economic Intelligence Unit in Feb. 2013, Tokyo is the most expensive city in the world in which to live, whereas Geneva was number 10 in the list. So, it is much more expensive living in Tokyo than Geneva.

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Discussion Questions: Comparisons

Give your opinions on the questions in the box. Remember to give reasons for your choices.

- *Which is more exciting: football or shopping?*
- *Which is more depressing: rainy days or cold weather?*
- *Which is more delicious: Italian food or your country's food?*
- *Which is the more difficult subject to study at school: Mathematics or Literature?*
- *What is better: travelling by coach, travelling by train, or travelling by car?*
- *Which is more enjoyable: reading a book or watching a film?*
- *Which is worse: having a cold or having a headache?*
- *Is it better to be good-looking or intelligent?*
- *What is more important at work: a good relationship with your boss, or a good relationship with your colleagues?*

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Discussion Questions: Superlatives

**Answer the questions in the box.
Give as full an answer as possible.**

- *Which country is the best to live in?*
- *What's the best thing that has ever happened to you?*
- *What is the most important invention in history?*
- *What is the kindest thing that anyone has ever done for you?*
- *Where is the best place to have a holiday?*
- *What is the most important lesson life has taught you?*
- *When is the happiest time of your life?*
- *Who are the most important people in your life?*
- *What is your most treasured possession?*
- *What do you most dislike about your appearance?*

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Either write about the most important people in your life, or write about the best thing that has ever happened to you.



I think getting married was the best thing that has ever happened to me. All my family were there at the meal...

