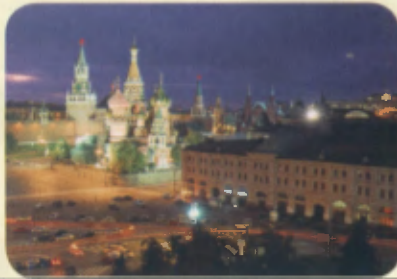


Comparative and superlative adjectives



	Moscow	Mexico City	Beijing
Population	10.4 million	19.2 million	17.4 million
Cost of living	\$\$\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$\$\$

Use

1 We use comparative adjectives to compare two things.

*Beijing is **larger than** Moscow.*

*Beijing is **more expensive than** Mexico City.*

*Mexico City is **less expensive than** Beijing.*

2 We use superlative adjectives to compare three or more things.

*Mexico City is **the largest** city in the world.*

*Mexico City is **the least expensive** of the three cities and Moscow is **the most expensive**.*

Form

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Short adjectives

Add -er /-est

*Beijing is **cheaper** than Moscow but Mexico City is **the cheapest**.*

Long adjectives

Use more/most or less/least

*Beijing is **more expensive** than Mexico City but Moscow's **the most expensive**.
Mexico City is **less expensive** than Moscow, but Beijing is **the least expensive**.*

Irregular adjectives

good better best

*The weather in Beijing is **better** than the weather in Moscow but Mexico City has **the best** weather.*

bad worse worst

*The traffic in Beijing is **worse** than in Moscow but Mexico City probably has **the worst** traffic in the world.*

much/many more most

*Moscow has **many** traffic jams but Beijing has **more**. Mexico City has **the most** traffic jams.*

Other cases

With many two-syllable adjectives, we use *more/most*.

Examples: *modern, recent, famous, correct, normal, frequent*

With some two-syllable adjectives, we use either *-er/-est* or *more/most*.

Examples: *clever, simple, tired, stupid, polite, narrow, quiet*

It's correct to say: *cleverer* or *more clever*, *the cleverest* or *the most clever*.

If you're not sure whether to use *-er/est* or *more/most*, check in a good dictionary.

Spelling of short adjectives

Most short adjectives: <i>high, cheap</i>	Add -er/-est	<i>higher/highest cheaper/cheapest</i>
Adjectives ending in e: <i>large, nice</i>	Add -r/-st	<i>larger/largest nicer/nicest</i>
Adjectives ending in one vowel + consonant: <i>big, hot</i>	Double the consonant but don't double w	<i>bigger/biggest hotter/hottest low/lowest, slower/slowest</i>