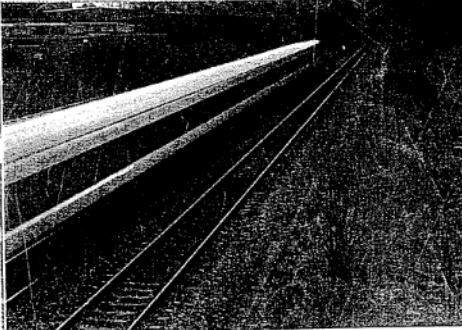


▶ comparatives

▶ superlatives

▶ polite requests and responses

## 2.3 Grammar Comparing solutions and getting help



### Refresh your memory

#### Comparatives

half as fast  
twice as easy as  
ten times as expensive

a lot faster  
far easier than  
much more expensive

#### Superlatives

the fastest  
the easiest  
the most expensive

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### Language focus

1 Read the conversations comparing using the train with flying. Underline the comparative phrases.

A: Travelling by train is just as quick as flying.  
B: Nonsense! Flying is much quicker.  
A: Well, I prefer the train because it's less complicated.

A: The train isn't half as expensive as the plane.  
B: As a matter of fact, the train is slightly more expensive these days.  
A: Well, I still prefer the train because it's far more comfortable.

2 With a partner, have similar conversations using the adjectives in brackets to compare the following:

- Taxis versus buses. (cheap, uncomfortable, ...)
- The car versus the bicycle. (healthy, dangerous, ...)
- Charter flights versus scheduled flights. (reliable, useful, ...)
- Motorways versus country roads. (safe, fast, ...)
- Bed and breakfast versus hotels. (comfortable, luxurious, ...)
- Campsites versus holiday clubs. (expensive, noisy, ...)
- Car ferries versus tunnels. (easy, quick, ...)
- Self-drive tours versus coach tours. (eco-friendly, boring, ...)

3 What is special about the following? Use the adjectives in the box to help you.

big expensive fast fast-growing large old profitable valuable

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 The Bugatti Veyron Super Sport | 5 The Nisiyama Onsen Keiunkan Hotel, Japan |
| 2 The Izmailovo Hotel, Moscow    | 6 Russia                                   |
| 3 Exxon Mobil                    | 7 Boeing 747                               |
| 4 Wal-Mart                       | 8 Groupon                                  |



### Discussion and presentation

4 With a partner, choose a destination in the country you are studying in. In column 1, write four ways of reaching that destination (by bus, on foot, etc.). In columns 2-5, give each means of transport a score from 1 (= the worst) to 5 (= the best). Add up the total scores and present your conclusions to another pair.

	cost	time	comfort	carbon footprint	total