

4B Comparison

1 Look at the table and make comparative sentences about two towns: Trentor and Barfield.

	Trentor	Barfield
Population	120,000	48,000
Total annual rain (in mm)	515	515
Number of snowy days per year	12	26
Average temperature °C	17	25
Distance from the sea (in km)	158	230
Visitor rating	*****	***

1 population / big

*Trentor's population is bigger than Barfield's population.
Barfield's population isn't as big as Trentor's population.*

2 rainy

3 snowy

4 hot

5 far / from the sea

6 good

2 Complete the email with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

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Hi Freda

Thanks for your email. We're now in our new house in Canada, and it's amazing! It's ¹_____ (modern) and ²_____ (spacious) than our old house in London, and the garden's much ³_____ (big) as well. The neighbours are ⁴_____ (friendly) too. My college is just ten minutes away by bus – ⁵_____ (close) than my old college in London. The teachers are generally great, but some of the coursework is much ⁶_____ (difficult) here.

I've got a part-time job after college – I'm working in a restaurant. The food is a bit ⁷_____ (expensive) than in England, but it's also ⁸_____ (tasty). Fish and chips are delicious!

There's only one real negative at the moment: the weather! The winter here is much ⁹_____ (cold) and ¹⁰_____ (snowy) than in England. I can't wait for spring!

Love
Meg

3 **SPEAKING** Work in groups. Choose two countries from the list below. How much do you know about:

- the climate?
- the cost of food?
- the average size of houses?

Share your ideas and compare the two countries.

Australia China India Japan Mexico
New Zealand South Africa Spain the UK the USA

1 Choose the correct answers.

THE SNOW WINTER OF 1880-1881

- The winter of 1880-1881 was one of the **worst / most bad** winters in American history.
- The **too famous / most famous** description of this winter is in Laura Ingalls Wilder's book *The Long Winter*.
- Several towns were snowbound for months and people **didn't have enough / had too much** food to last the winter.
- The farmers **were too slow / slowest** to harvest their crops before the snow fell.
- The Chicago and North Western railway closed because there were **were too many / weren't enough** men to clear snow from the tracks.
- The snow was **not deep enough / too deep** for the cattle to graze and thousands of cows starved to death.
- The **biggest / too big** snow drifts were more than 3.5 m deep.
- On the **too cold / coldest** days, the temperature fell to -30°C .

2 Write questions from the prompts with the superlative. Then circle the correct answers.

- 1 What is / large / desert / in the world?

a Antarctica b the Sahara c the Gobi

- 2 What is / deep / cave / in the world?

a Mulu b Krubera c Lascaux

- 3 What was / high / temperature / ever recorded?

a 45°C b 57°C c 64°C

- 4 Where was / deadly / tornado?

a Bangladesh b Argentina c USA

- 5 How long was / long / lightning bolt?

a 19 km b 90 km c 190 km

- 6 What is / dangerous / creature / in the world?

a mosquito b human c shark

- 7 What is / wide / river / in the world?

a the Amazon b the Mekong c the Nile

- 8 What is / high / waterfall / in the world?

a Niagara Falls b Victoria Falls c Angel Falls

3 **SPEAKING** Complete the questions with the superlative. Then ask and answer them to find students in the class with the same answers.

1 Who is _____ (good) singer in the world?

2 Who is _____ (talented) actor/actress in the world?

3 Who is _____ (tall) person in your family?

4 Who is _____ (funny) person in the class?

5 Who is _____ (fast) runner in the world?

4D Superlative adjectives, *too* and *enough*

KEY

- 1 worst
- 2 most famous
- 3 didn't have enough
- 4 too slow
- 5 weren't enough
- 6 too deep
- 7 biggest
- 8 coldest

KEY

- 1 What is the largest desert in the world? b
- 2 What is the deepest cave in the world? b
- 3 What was the highest temperature ever recorded? b
- 4 Where was the deadliest tornado? a
- 5 How long was the longest lightning bolt? c
- 6 What is the most dangerous creature in the world? a
- 7 What is the widest river in the world? a
- 8 What is the highest waterfall in the world? c

KEY

- 1 the best
- 2 the most talented
- 3 the tallest
- 4 the funniest
- 5 the fastest

Comparison

KEY

- 2 Barfield is as rainy as Trentor.
Trentor is as rainy as Barfield.
- 3 Barfield is snowier than Trentor.
Trentor isn't as snowy as Barfield.
- 4 Barfield is hotter than Trentor.
Trentor isn't as hot as Barfield.
- 5 Barfield is further from the sea than Trentor.
Trentor isn't as far from the sea as Barfield.
- 6 Trentor is better than Barfield.
Barfield isn't as good as Trentor.

- 1 more modern
- 2 more spacious
- 3 bigger
- 4 friendlier
- 5 closer
- 6 more difficult
- 7 more expensive
- 8 tastier
- 9 colder
- 10 snowier