

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are **fewer** / **less** shops in this area, but it's much more convenient for work.
- 2 It's the most beautiful house I've **ever** / **never** seen.
- 3 The traffic is far **heavy** / **heavier** than it used to be.
- 4 Our neighbours are getting **more** / **noisier** and noisier.
- 5 We can get to your house **more quickly** / **quick** if we take the bus.
- 6 The harder we look for a house, the **much** / **more** difficult it gets.
- 7 Your bedroom is much bigger **for** / **than** mine.
- 8 This is the **least** / **worst** expensive house in the street.

2 Complete the email with the words and phrases below.

better and better cheaper fewer further impressive I've ever seen less most

Message
Options

Hi Freya,

It was great to hear from you, and I'm really pleased that you're planning to move here. You wanted some advice about different areas in the city, so here are my favourite three places.

South Hollifield is probably the¹_____ charming part of the city. It's got some beautiful big houses and some really interesting shops and restaurants. But I know that you're looking for a flat and unfortunately there are²_____ flats in this area. Upper Hollifield is in the north of the city. The houses here are much less³_____ than in South Hollifield, and of course they're also much⁴_____. But I think that the area is getting⁵_____. There's⁶_____ crime here than there used to be and the new school is very good. The third area to consider is Lower Greenside. This is a contemporary development and it's got some of the most unusual houses and flats⁷_____. It is⁸_____ from the centre of town, but the public transport system is excellent.

Hope that's helpful!
Lots of love
Kay

3 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Complete the table with your own opinions. Then ask and answer questions to find out your partner's ideas.

	Me	My partner
most boring book / ever read		
least expensive thing / in my bag		
most difficult exam / ever take		
best actor / ever see		
worst song / ever hear		
most expensive thing / in my room		

What's the most boring book you've ever read?

I think the most boring book I've ever read was the first Harry Potter book.

Really? I loved it! The most boring book I've ever read was ...

4B Comparison

Aims: To review comparative and superlative forms.

Time: 10–15 minutes

Materials: One handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to do exercise 1. Remind students that they are looking at comparative and superlative forms in this exercise and they will have to read the whole sentence to understand which form is needed. You could do the first question with the class and use this as an opportunity to quickly revise countable and uncountable nouns.

KEY

1 fewer 2 ever 3 heavier 4 noisier 5 more quickly
6 more 7 than 8 least

Exercise 2

- Tell students to read through the email first to get a general idea of the meaning. Ask some general comprehension questions if necessary: *Why is Kay writing to Freya?* (to give her information about the city) *What are the three areas she mentions?* (South Hollifield, Upper Hollifield and Lower Greenside) *Which place has got: a new school* (Upper Hollifield), *beautiful big houses* (South Hollifield), *unusual houses and flats* (Lower Greenside)? Then give students a few minutes to complete the email with the correct word or phrase.
- Check answers by asking different students to read out a completed sentence in turn.

KEY

1 most 2 fewer 3 impressive 4 cheaper
5 better and better 6 less 7 I've ever seen 8 further

Exercise 3

- Students work in pairs. They should complete the table with their own ideas and then use the prompts to make full questions for their partners. Ask two students to read out the example dialogue first.

KEY

What's the most boring book you've ever read?
What's the least expensive thing in your bag?
What's the most difficult exam you've ever taken?
Who's the best actor you've ever seen?
What's the worst song you've ever heard?
What's the most expensive thing in your room?