

Grammar

Making comparisons

1 This email is from Krishna, who has gone to live abroad. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjective or adverb in brackets.

Hi Neha,

Well, I've been here for a month now and things are fine. Of course, everything here is different from what I'm used to, and I'm finding some things (1) *easier* (easy) to deal with than others.

The course is (2) *demanding* (demand) than I expected and I'm having to work (3) *hard* (hard)

than I ever have before. (4) *difficult* (difficult) aspect of the course is the amount of work we have to

do. Last week I had to write five essays – that's (5) *tiring* (tiring) thing I've ever done! The best aspect

of the course is the other students. They're (6) *friendly* (friendly) people I've ever met and because of

them I'm (7) *stressed* (stressed) now than I was the first week of the course.

Lots of things have changed for me in comparison with my life at home.

I have to travel (8) *far* (far) to college, a lot of things are

(9) *expensive* (expensive) and the weather is a lot (10) *bad!* (bad!)

The city is (11) *big* (big) than anywhere I've lived before and life is

(12) *fast* (fast) here. I've never been (13) *busy* (busy)

than I am now but this is (14) *exciting* (exciting) thing I've ever

done and I'm really pleased that I'm here!

I'll write to you (15) *regular* (regular) in future.

Love,

Krishna



2 Complete the first sentence with the comparative or superlative form of the word in brackets. Then complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 a The town I come from is a lot *smaller* (small) than this one.

b This town is *bigger* (big) than the one I come from.

2 a Money is a problem because life here is *expensive* (expensive) than life at home.

b Money is a problem because life at home is *cheap* (cheap) than life here.

3 a I am *old* (old) person in my class.

b The other people in my class are *younger* (young) than me.

4 a The transport system here is *good* (good) than the one at home.

b The transport system at home is *bad* (bad) than the one here.

5 a People here speak *slowly* (slow) than people at home.

b People at home speak *fast* (fast) than people here.

6 a Moving to another country is *difficult* (difficult) thing you can do!

b Nothing is *easier* (easy) than moving to another country.