Aims
Practice using comparisons with adjectives and nouns.

Language focus
Grammar
Comparisons with adjectives and nouns

Set-up
Pair work

Lesson link
For use after Unit 5, Lesson A

Time
15 minutes

Preparation
Duplicate one copy of the worksheet for each pair.

Procedure

1. Tell students that they are going to play a guessing game comparing cities around the world. Then put students in pairs and distribute worksheets. Each pair receives one worksheet. Give students some time to read the information on the sheet. Answer any questions about the pronunciation of city names or vocabulary items.

2. Tell students that there are many ways to compare the cities on the worksheet. Give a few examples: *Shanghai is bigger than Paris. Reykjavik is more expensive than Cairo. Los Angeles has more beaches than Rome.*

3. Model the activity. Tell students you are thinking of a city on the sheet. Describe the city using only comparative forms and have students guess which one it is. For example, for Cairo: *This city is hotter and older than Rome. It is cheaper than Paris. Rio has more skyscrapers than this city.* After each sentence, elicit guesses from the class.

4. Have students continue playing the guessing game in pairs. Tell them to take turns describing a city and guessing.

5. As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed. Make note of any errors or problems to review later. End the activity promptly after 15 minutes.

	Shanghai	**Rome**	**Los Angeles**	**Mexico City**
Population	*23 million*	*2.8 million*	*3.8 million*	*8.9 million*
Elevation	*4 meters*	*20 meters*	*71 meters*	*2,240 meters*
Weather	*1°C–32°C*	*2°C–30°C*	*9°C–29°C*	*6°C–27°C*
Year started	*751*	*753 BC*	*1781*	*1325*
Price of a burger	*$1.41*	*$3.82*	*$3.22*	*$2.66*
Number of skyscrapers	*218*	*3*	*55*	*77*
Number of beaches	*0*	*0*	*27*	*0*

	Rio de Janeiro	**Cairo**	**Paris**	**Reykjavik, Iceland**
Population	*6.3 million*	*17.3 million*	*10.2 million*	*200,000*
Elevation	*0 meters*	*23 meters*	*35 meters*	*26 meters*
Weather	*18°C–30°C*	*14°C–35°C*	*0°C–24°C*	*–3°C–13°C*
Year started	*1565*	*2500 BC*	*250 BC*	*870*
Price of a burger	*$3.01*	*$1.60*	*$3.82*	*$7.44*
Number of skyscrapers	*53*	*29*	*29*	*0*
Number of beaches	*11*	*0*	*0*	*2*