

5.- Preferences; comparisons with adjectives

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Which sweater do you prefer?

I prefer the blue one.

Which one do you like more?

I like the blue one more.

Which one do you like better?

I like the blue one better.

Spelling

cheap → cheaper

nice → nicer

pretty → prettier

big → bigger

As the price goes up, the quality goes down.

It's nicer than the green one.

It's prettier than the green one.

It's more stylish than the green one.

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▶ With adjectives of one or two syllables, add -er to form the comparative:

cheap → cheaper; nice → nicer; pretty → prettier; big → bigger.

▶ With adjectives of three or more syllables, use more + adjective to form the comparative: expensive → more expensive.

A Write the comparatives of these adjectives.

- 1. attractive → *more attractive* ✓
- 2. boring → *more boring* ✓
- 3. exciting → *more exciting* ✓
- 4. friendly → *friendlier* ✓

- 5. interesting → *more interesting*
- 6. reasonable → *more reasonable*
- 7. sad → *sadder*
- 8. warm → *warmer*

B Answer the questions. Use the words in parentheses in your answer. Then write another sentence with the second word.

- 1. Which pants do you prefer, the cotton ones or the wool ones? (wool / attractive)
I prefer the wool ones. They're more attractive than the cotton ones.
- 2. Which ring do you like better, the gold one or the silver one? (silver / interesting)
- 3. Which one do you prefer, the silk jacket or the wool jacket? (silk / pretty)
- 4. Which ones do you like more, the black shoes or the purple ones? (purple / exciting)

WRITING Comparing prices

How much do these things cost in your country? Complete the chart. Then compare the prices in your country with the prices in the U.S.

	Price in my country	Price in the U.S.
a cup of coffee	\$1.40
a movie ticket	\$12.50
a paperback novel	\$8.95
a video game	\$50.00

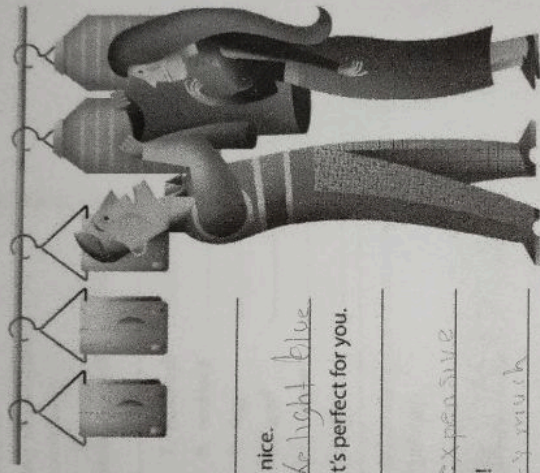
Many things are more expensive in my country than in the United States. For example, a cup of coffee costs about \$2.00 at home. In the U.S., it's cheaper. It's only \$1.40. A movie ticket costs

Answers
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UNIT 1. HOW MUCH IS IT? WORKBOOK

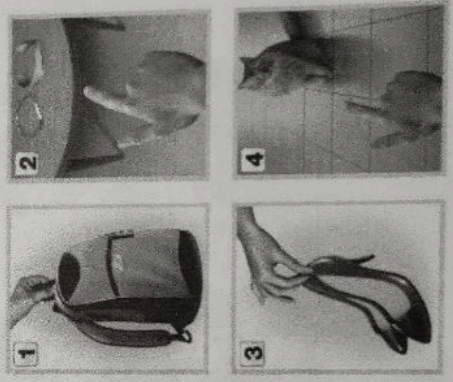
Choose the correct sentences to complete this conversation.

- Which one?
- Which ones?
- Oh, Sam. Thank you very much.
- Well, I like it, but it's expensive.
- Yes. But I don't really like light blue.



Sam: Look at those pants, Rebecca.
 Rebecca: Which ones?
 Sam: The light blue ones over there. They're nice.
 Rebecca: Yes, but I don't really like light blue.
 Sam: Hmm. Well, what about that sweater? It's perfect for you.
 Rebecca: Which one?
 Sam: This red one.
 Rebecca: Well, I like it, but it's expensive.
 Sam: Hey, let me buy it for you. It's a present!
 Rebecca: Oh, Sam, thank you very much.

Complete these conversations with How much is / are ...? and this, that, these, or those.



1. A: How much is this _____ backpack?
 B: It's \$31.99.
 2. A: How much are those _____ bracelets?
 B: They're \$29.
 3. A: How much are these _____ shoes?
 B: They're \$64.
 4. A: How much is that _____ cat?
 B: That's my cat, and he's not for sale!

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What do you make out of these materials? Complete the chart using words from the list. (You will use words more than once.)

	boots	bracelet	gloves	jacket	necklace	pants	shirt
Cotton							
Leather			boots				
Plastic			bracelet				
Silk							
Wool							

Make comparisons using the words given. Add them if necessary.



cotton gloves

1. A: These cotton gloves are nice.

B: Yes, but the leather ones are nicer. (nice)

A: They're also more expensive. (expensive)



leather gloves

2. A: Those silk jackets look

more attractive

the wool ones. (attractive)

B: Yes, but the wool ones are warmer. (warm)



silk jackets



purple shirt

3. A: This purple shirt is an interesting color!

B: Yes, but the color is prettier the design. (pretty)

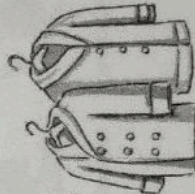


red shirt

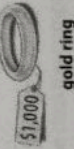
A: The design isn't bad.

B: I think the pattern on that red shirt is better the pattern on

this purple one. (good)



wool jackets



gold ring

4. A: Hey, look at this silver ring! It's nice.

And it's cheaper that gold ring. (cheap)

B: But it's smaller the gold one. (small)

A: Well, yeah. The gold one is bigger the silver one. (big)

But look at the price tag. One thousand dollars is a lot of money!



silver ring

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