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5.- Preferences; comparisons with adjectives

Preferences; comparisons with adjectives

Which sweater do you prefer?

I prefer the blue one.

It's nicer than the green one.

Which one do you like more?

I like the blue one more.

It's prettier than the green one.

Which one do you like better?

I like the blue one better.

It's more stylish than the green one.

Spelling

cheap → cheaper

nice → nicer

pretty → prettier

big → bigger

→ barato (más barato)
→ bonito
→ bonito
→ grande

expensive = more expensive.

2 Preferences; comparisons with adjectives (page 20)

- ▶ 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.

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|---------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. attractive | more attractive | 5. interesting | more interesting |
| 2. boring | more boring | 6. reasonable | more reasonable |
| 3. exciting | more exciting | 7. sad | sadder |
| 4. friendly | more friendly | 8. warm | warmer |

Interesante
razonable
triste
caliente

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

- 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.
- Which ring do you like better, the gold one or the silver one? (silver / interesting)
- Which one do you prefer, the silk jacket or the wool jacket? (silk / pretty)
- 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

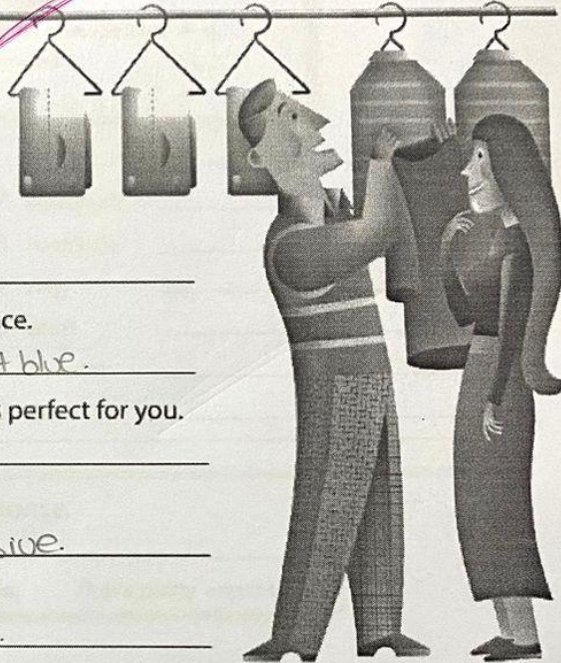
Many things are more expensive in my country than in the United States. For example, a cup of coffee costs about \$2.00 at home. In the U.S., it's cheaper. It's only \$1.40. A movie ticket costs ...

UNIT I. HOW MUCH IS IT?
WORKBOOK

1 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.

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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.

2 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!



6 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 ring shirt

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

7 Make comparisons using the words given. Add *than* 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)

A: The design isn't bad.

B: I think the pattern on that red shirt

is better the pattern on

this purple one. (good)



red shirt

wool jackets



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!



gold ring



silver ring

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