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## Comparatives Should Possessive Pronouns

- Making Comparisons
- Advice
- Expressing Opinions
- Agreement and Disagreement
- Shopping
- Advertisements
- Reading Skill: Inference Questions
- Civics: Letters to the Editor

### VOCABULARY PREVIEW



1. cute
2. delicious
3. exciting
4. fashionable
5. friendly

6. hospitable
7. hot/spicy
8. intelligent/smart
9. lazy
10. light

11. polite
12. powerful
13. soft
14. talented
15. talkative

# My New Bicycle Is Faster

soft – softer  
small – smaller

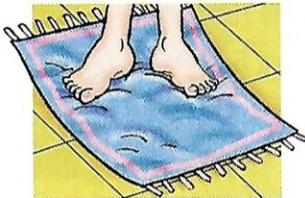
large – larger  
safe – safer

big – bigger  
hot – hotter

fancy – fancier  
pretty – prettier



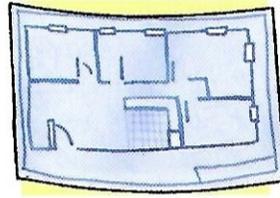
- A. I think you'll like my new bicycle.  
 B. But I liked your OLD bicycle. It was **fast**.  
 A. That's right. But my new bicycle is **faster**.



1. rug  
soft



2. tennis racket  
light



3. apartment  
large



4. neighborhood  
safe



5. office  
big



6. recipe for chili  
hot



7. dog  
friendly



8. sports car  
fancy



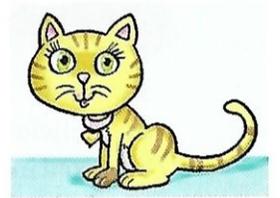
9. dishwasher  
quiet



10. wig  
pretty



11. cell phone  
small

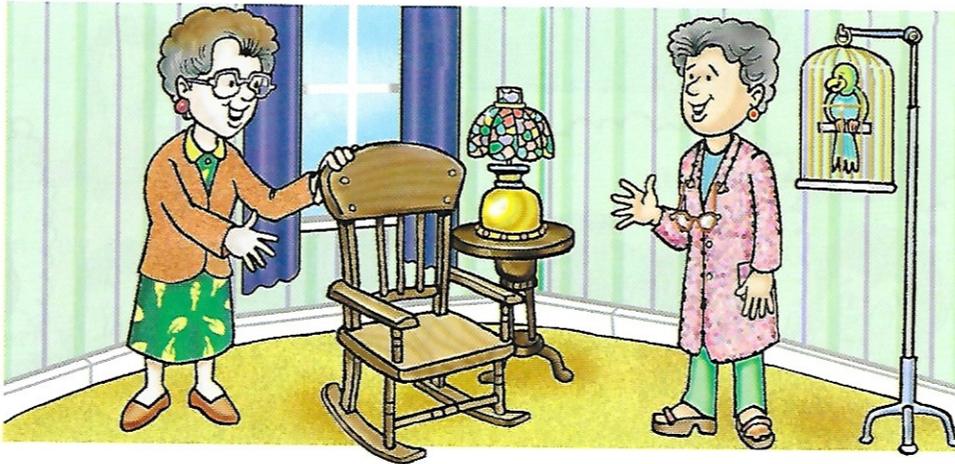


12. cat  
cute

# My New Rocking Chair Is More Comfortable

fast – faster  
 nice – nicer  
 big – bigger  
 pretty – prettier

comfortable – more comfortable  
 beautiful – more beautiful  
 interesting – more interesting  
 intelligent – more intelligent



- A. I think you'll like my new rocking chair.  
 B. But I liked your OLD rocking chair. It was **comfortable**.  
 A. That's right. But my new rocking chair is **more comfortable**.



1. apartment building  
 beautiful



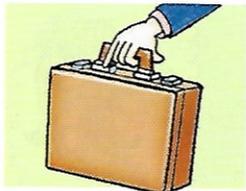
2. roommate  
 interesting



3. girlfriend  
 intelligent



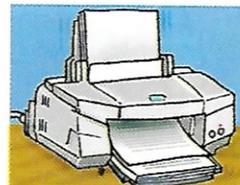
4. boyfriend  
 handsome



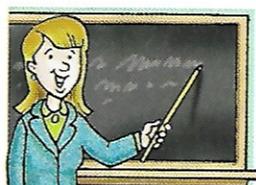
5. briefcase  
 attractive



6. computer  
 powerful



7. printer  
 fast



8. English teacher  
 smart



9. recipe for meatloaf  
 delicious



10. boss  
 nice



11. parrot  
 talkative

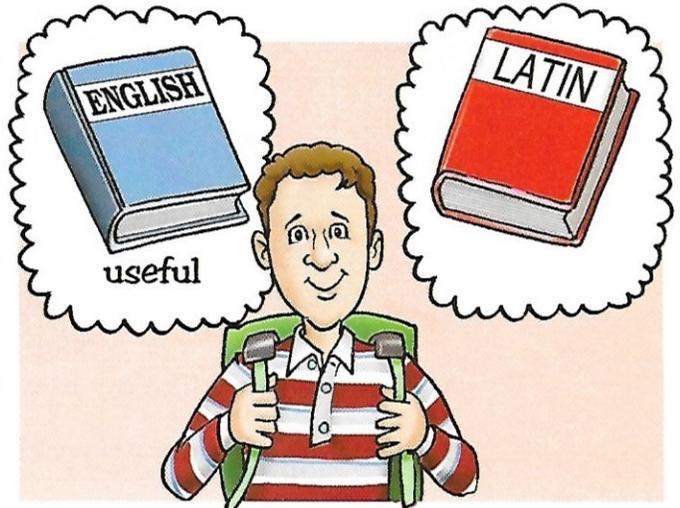


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# Bicycles Are Safer Than Motorcycles

I  
He  
She  
It  
We  
You  
They } should study.

Should I study?



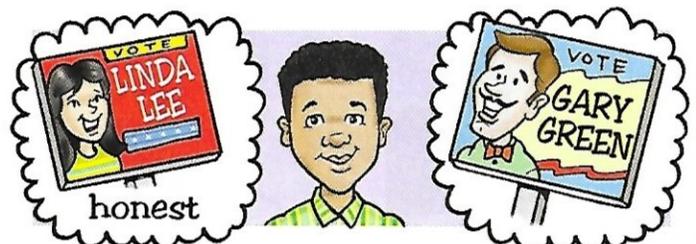
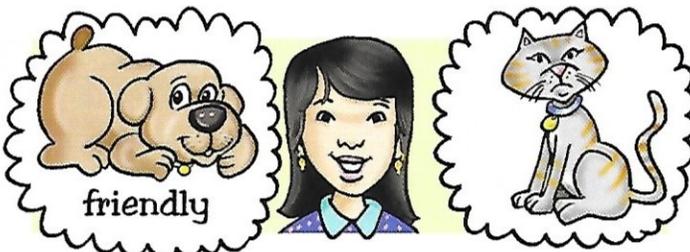
- A. Should I buy a bicycle or a motorcycle?  
 B. I think you should buy a bicycle.  
 A. Why?  
 B. Bicycles are **safer than** motorcycles.

- A. Should he study English or Latin?  
 B. I think he should study English.  
 A. Why?  
 B. English is **more useful than** Latin.



1. Should I buy a used car or a new car?

2. Should he go out with Ellen or Helen?



3. Should she buy a dog or a cat?

4. Should I vote for Linda Lee or Gary Green?



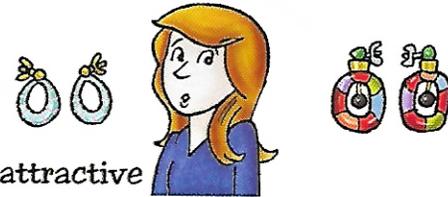
5. Should she take a course with Professor Blake or Professor Drake?



6. Should they plant flowers or vegetables this spring?



7. Should we buy this fan or that fan?



8. Should she buy these earrings or those earrings?



9. Should he take piano lessons with Mrs. Clark or Miss Smith?



10. Should I buy the hat in my left hand or the hat in my right hand?



11. Should she buy fur gloves or leather gloves?



12. Should I buy a notebook computer or a desktop computer?



13. Should I hire Ms. Parker or Ms. Jones?



14. Should I fire Mr. Mason or Mr. Grimes?



15. Should we rent this movie or that movie?



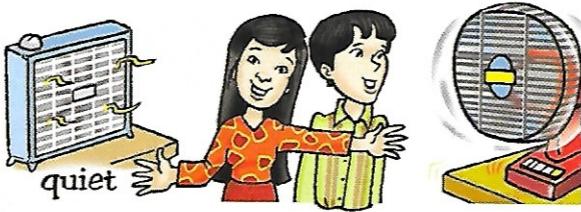
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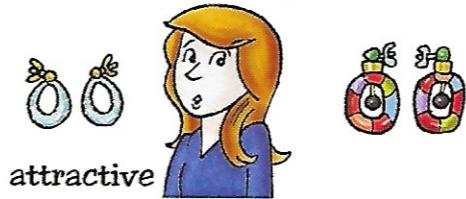
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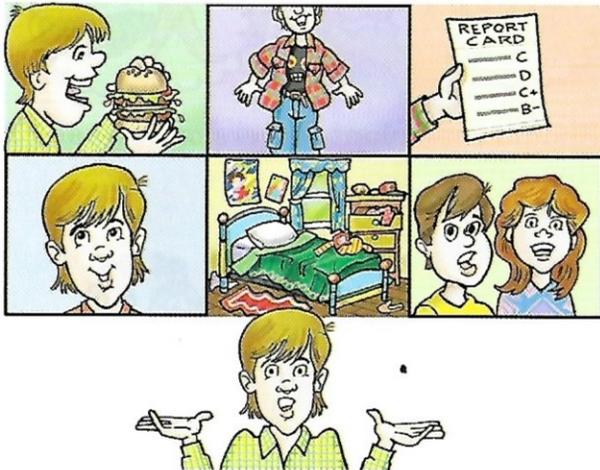


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16.

## READING



### IT ISN'T EASY BEING A TEENAGER

I try to be a good son, but no matter how hard I try, my parents never seem to be satisfied. They think I should be a better\* son. They think I should eat healthier food, I should wear nicer clothes, and I should get better grades. And according to them, my hair should be shorter, my room should be neater, and my friends should be more polite when they come to visit.

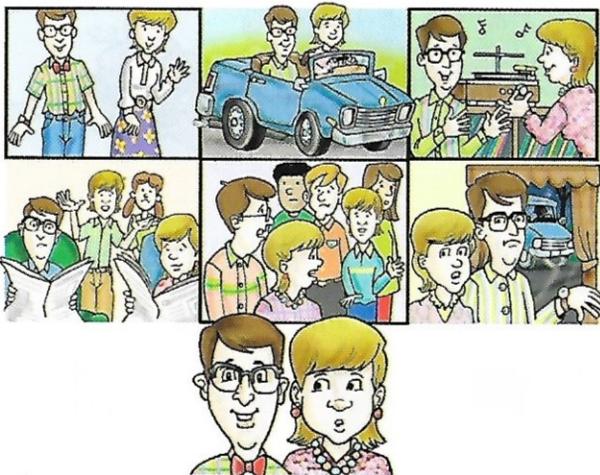
You know . . . it isn't easy being a teenager.

### IT ISN'T EASY BEING PARENTS

We try to be good parents, but no matter how hard we try, our children never seem to be satisfied. They think we should be better parents. They think we should wear more fashionable clothes, we should drive a newer car, and we should listen to more interesting music. And according to them, we should be more sympathetic when they talk about their problems, we should be friendlier when their friends come to visit, and we should be more understanding when they come home late on Saturday night.

You know . . . it isn't easy being parents.

\* good – better



## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

### WHAT'S THE WORD?

According to this boy's parents, he doesn't eat healthy<sup>1</sup> food, he doesn't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> clothes, he doesn't get \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> grades, his hair isn't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, and his friends aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> when they come to visit.

According to their children, these parents don't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> clothes, they don't have a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> car, they don't listen to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> music, and they aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> when their children's friends come to visit.

## LISTENING

Listen and choose what the people are talking about.

- |             |              |                    |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. a. TV    | b. printer   | 4. a. offices      | b. friends   |
| 2. a. chair | b. recipe    | 5. a. neighborhood | b. briefcase |
| 3. a. hair  | b. apartment | 6. a. rug          | b. computer  |

# Don't Be Ridiculous!

my – mine                      our – ours  
 his – his                        your – yours  
 her – hers                      their – theirs



- A. You know, my dog isn't as friendly as your dog.
- B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours is MUCH friendlier than **mine**.



- A. You know, my novels aren't as interesting as Ernest Hemingway's novels.
- B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours are MUCH more interesting than **his**.



clean

- 1. *my apartment*  
*your apartment*



powerful

- 2. *my computer*  
*Bob's computer*



nice

- 3. *my boss*  
*your boss*



comfortable

- 4. *my furniture*  
*your furniture*



big

- 5. *my house*  
*the Jacksons' house*



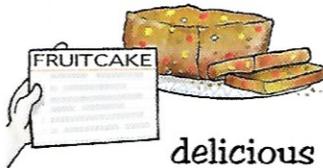
good

- 6. *my pronunciation*  
*Maria's pronunciation*



pretty

- 7. *my garden*  
*your garden*



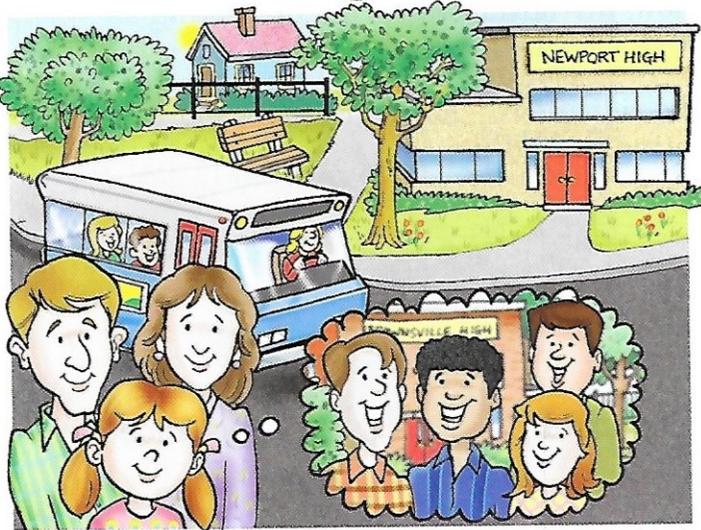
delicious

- 8. *my recipe for fruitcake*  
*Stanley's recipe for fruitcake*



9.

## READING



## BROWNSVILLE

The Taylor family lived in Brownsville for many years. And for many years, Brownsville was a very good place to live. The streets were clean, the parks were safe, the bus system was reliable, and the schools were good.

But Brownsville changed. Today the streets aren't as clean as they used to be. The parks aren't as safe as they used to be. The bus system isn't as reliable as it used to be. And the schools aren't as good as they used to be.

Because of the changes in Brownsville, the Taylor family moved to Newport last year. In Newport the streets are cleaner, the parks are safer, the bus system is more reliable, and the schools are better. The Taylors are happy in Newport, but they were happier in Brownsville. Although Newport has cleaner streets, safer parks, a more reliable bus system, and better schools, Brownsville has friendlier people. They're nicer, more polite, and more hospitable than the people in Newport.

The Taylors miss Brownsville. Even though they're now living in Newport, Brownsville will always be their real home.

## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

### Q & A

The people of Brownsville are calling Mayor Brown's radio talk show. They're upset about Brownsville's streets, parks, bus system, and schools. Using this model and the story, call Mayor Brown.

- A. This is Mayor Brown. You're on the air.
- B. Mayor Brown, I'm very upset about the *streets* here in Brownsville.
- A. Why do you say that?
- B. *They aren't as clean as they used to be.*
- A. Do you really think so?
- B. Definitely! You know . . . they say the *streets* in Newport *are cleaner.*
- A. I'll see what I can do. Thank you for calling.



# How to Say It!

## Agreeing & Disagreeing



A. { I think ...  
In my opinion, ...



B. { I agree.  
I agree with you.  
I think so, too.



C. { I disagree.  
I disagree with you.  
I don't think so.

Practice interactions on this page, using these expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.

## INTERACTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_er }  
more \_\_\_\_\_ } than

as \_\_\_\_\_ as  
not as \_\_\_\_\_ as

I think New York is more interesting than Los Angeles.

I disagree. I think Los Angeles is MUCH more interesting than New York.

In my opinion, the weather in Honolulu is better than the weather in Miami.

I don't think so. I think the weather in Miami is better than the weather in Honolulu.

In my opinion, the people in Centerville aren't as friendly as the people in Greenville.

I agree. But the people in Centerville are more interesting.

I think so, too.

Practice conversations with other students. Compare different places you know. Talk about . . .

**the streets** (*quiet, safe, clean, wide, busy*)

**the buildings** (*tall, modern, attractive*)

**the weather** (*cold, cool, warm, hot, rainy, snowy*)

**the people** (*friendly, nice, polite, honest, happy, hospitable, talkative, healthy*)

**the city in general** (*large, interesting, exciting, expensive*)

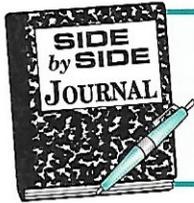
# PRONUNCIATION Yes / No Questions with or

Listen. Then say it.

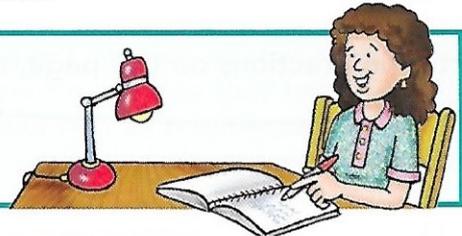
- Should I buy a bicycle or a motorcycle?  
 Should we buy this fan or that fan?  
 Should he go out with Ellen or Helen?  
 Should she buy fur gloves or leather gloves?

Say it. Then listen.

- Should they plant flowers or vegetables?  
 Should she buy these earrings or those earrings?  
 Should I hire Ms. Carter or Mr. Price?  
 Should I buy a notebook computer or a desktop computer?



In your journal, compare your home town and the place you live now. Or compare any two places you know.



## GRAMMAR FOCUS

### COMPARATIVES

My new car is	faster larger bigger prettier	than my old car.
	more comfortable more attractive	

### SHOULD

Should	I he she it we you they	study?	I He She It We You They	should study.

### POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

This dog is nicer than	mine.
	his.
	hers.
	ours.
	yours.
	theirs.

### Complete the sentences.

- A. Is your new computer fast?  
B. Yes. It's faster than my old computer.
- A. Is Jane's new neighborhood safe?  
B. Yes. It's safer than her old neighborhood.
- A. Is Livingston an interesting city?  
B. Yes. I think it's interesting than Centerville.
- A. Is your new office big?  
B. Yes. It's bigger than my old office.
- A. Is your new sofa comfortable?  
B. Yes. It's comfortable than our old sofa.
- A. Should my grandparents get a dog or a cat?  
B. They should get a dog. Dogs are very friendly. I think they're friendlier than cats.
- A. Should I order the chicken or the fish?  
B. I think you should order the fish. It's really good. It's better than the chicken.

### Match the sentences.

- |  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| — <u>e</u> 1. Is this your hat or your son's hat?      | a. It isn't yours. It's mine.  |
| — <u>b</u> 2. Is this your pen or your wife's pen?     | b. It isn't hers. It's his.    |
| — <u>c</u> 3. Is this my jacket or your jacket?        | c. It isn't mine. It's hers.   |
| — <u>d</u> 4. Is this your cat or your neighbors' cat? | d. It isn't mine. It's his.    |
| — <u>a</u> 5. Is this Lucy's key or her brother's key? | e. It isn't ours. It's theirs. |

## 1 CONVERSATION ASKING FOR ADVICE WHEN SHOPPING



Practice conversations with a classmate. Use the comparative form of any word in the box below to compare the items.

- A. Which **refrigerator** do you recommend—this one or that one?  
 B. I recommend this one. It's **larger** than that one.

cheap  
comfortable  
easy-to-use

energy-efficient  
fast  
good

large  
new  
powerful

quiet  
reliable  
small



1. dishwasher



2. computer



3. mattress



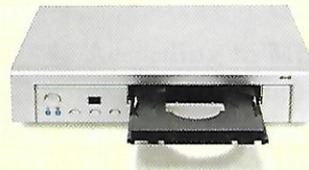
4. printer



5. cell phone



6. air conditioner



7. DVD player



8.



## 2 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS STORES

Go to a department store or a discount store. Compare two different types of the same item. Which one do you recommend? Why is it better? Do this for five products. Write the information and share it with the class.



## 3 TEAMWORK ADVERTISEMENTS

Cut out some newspaper ads for the items on this page and other items. Bring the ads to class and work with a classmate. Compare two different types of each item. Which one is better? Why? Share your ads and opinions with the class.

Look at the advertisements. Choose the correct answer.

### The 2011 Traveler

**Larger, More Comfortable, & More Powerful than Last Year's Traveler!**

- 7 inches longer — with two extra seats in the back.
- 1.5 inches higher means more headroom for taller drivers.
- 2 inches wider for more comfortable seating.
- New 330 horsepower engine — 50 pounds lighter and 10% more powerful than last year's engine.



From \$30,000

Who Says that Bigger Is Better? Introducing the **Bantam**

Small on the Outside  
for Easy Parking

A Comfortable  
Interior that Feels  
Larger than It Is —  
with Seats for Five

You Won't Find a  
Safer, More Reliable  
Car at this Price!



From \$18,000

"The Bantam is quieter and more comfortable than any other small car. With its efficient 120 horsepower engine, you won't have to worry about higher gas prices."

—ROAD & DRIVER MAGAZINE

1. There are \_\_\_\_\_ more seats in the 2011 Traveler than in the 2010 Traveler.
  - A. two
  - B. three
  - C. four
  - D. five
2. The 2011 Traveler has more headroom because it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. more powerful
  - B. longer
  - C. wider
  - D. higher
3. The 2011 Traveler is \_\_\_\_\_ than the 2010 Traveler.
  - A. one and a half inches longer
  - B. two inches wider
  - C. ten percent larger
  - D. seven inches higher
4. According to the ad, the engine in the 2010 Traveler \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. was lighter than this year's engine
  - B. wasn't as heavy as this year's engine
  - C. wasn't as powerful as this year's engine
  - D. wasn't as quiet as this year's engine
5. According to the second ad, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. bigger is better
  - B. the Bantam is difficult to park
  - C. five people can ride in the Bantam
  - D. the Bantam is safer and more reliable than any car at any price
6. According to *Road & Driver*, the Bantam \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. isn't as noisy as other small cars
  - B. is more reliable than other small cars
  - C. is higher than other small cars
  - D. is more expensive than other small cars
7. The Bantam is probably a good car for people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. who read magazines
  - B. who drive in the city
  - C. with very large families
  - D. with a lot of money
8. In the second ad, *efficient* means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the engine is quiet
  - B. the engine is powerful
  - C. the engine is light
  - D. the engine doesn't use much gas

### Reading Tip

One of these questions is an **inference question**. The answer isn't a fact in the reading. You have to think about the information and decide what the best answer is. Which question on this page is an inference question? Which word in the question tells you that this is an inference question?

Read the letters to the editor and answer the questions.

To the Editor:

Students at Clarksdale High School took tests in English, math, history, and science last month, and their test scores were lower than ever before. As a high school parent, I can tell you why.

Classes at Clarksdale High are much larger than they should be, with more than forty students in a class. Teachers are using textbooks that are more than ten years old. There isn't any money for newer books. Finally, many good teachers are leaving Clarksdale to teach at other schools for higher pay.

It's time to spend more money on our high school. We might have to pay higher taxes, but our children are our future.

Marion Kane

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to the article by James Alan Perry, *Clarksdale: A Better City for All*. In my opinion, after three years with Mayor Burns, Clarksdale is better for rich people, but not for the poor.

It's true that in the more expensive neighborhoods, the buses are newer and more reliable and the parks and streets are cleaner and safer. However, in the poorer sections of town, like East Clarksdale, the buses are never on time, and the streets and parks are dirtier and aren't as safe. Why aren't there more police officers in East Clarksdale? Why aren't the buses there as reliable as they are in other parts of town?

Ming Lee

To the Editor:

I grew up in Clarksdale and moved away ten years ago. Last month, I finally returned to visit and was very happy to see all the wonderful changes.

Clarksdale is a much more interesting town today than it was when I lived there. Main Street, with its attractive new restaurants, hotel, and movie theater, is a much more exciting place. I was also glad to see that there's a new bookstore downtown and that the library is in a bigger and more modern building.

Clarksdale isn't as quiet as it used to be, but that's okay with me. It's a more beautiful town with a lot more things to do.

Helen Sanders

1. According to Marion Kane, textbooks at the high school should be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. bigger
  - B. longer
  - C. more difficult
  - D. newer
2. According to Marion Kane, good teachers are leaving the high school because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. their students' test scores are low
  - B. they don't want to pay higher taxes
  - C. they want more money for the work they do
  - D. classes have more than 50 students
3. According to Ming Lee, East Clarksdale \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. has cleaner parks than other parts of town
  - B. isn't as safe as other parts of town
  - C. has newer buses than other parts of town
  - D. has more police officers than other parts of town
4. According to Ming Lee, the buses in the more expensive neighborhoods of Clarksdale \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. are never on time
  - B. aren't as reliable as they used to be
  - C. are more reliable than they used to be
  - D. aren't as reliable as the buses in East Clarksdale
5. Helen Sanders thinks Clarksdale \_\_\_\_\_ it used to be.
  - A. isn't as beautiful as
  - B. is noisier than
  - C. isn't as interesting as
  - D. isn't as attractive as
6. We can infer that Helen Sanders \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. likes to read
  - B. lives near Clarksdale
  - C. is a quiet person
  - D. moved away to get a better job

**WRITING Your Letter to the Editor** Write a letter to the editor. Give your opinion about something you like or don't like about your city or town.

Choose the correct answer.

- Our new living room furniture is very \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. intelligent  
 B. comfortable  
 C. honest  
 D. friendly
- It's important to eat \_\_\_\_\_ food.  
 A. bad  
 B. sympathetic  
 C. large  
 D. healthy
- The subway system in our city is very \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. polite  
 B. talkative  
 C. reliable  
 D. understanding
- You shouldn't buy that coat. It isn't very \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. attractive  
 B. spicy  
 C. short  
 D. neat
- I think we should hire Ramon. He'll be a \_\_\_\_\_ secretary.  
 A. lazy  
 B. capable  
 C. light  
 D. wide
- I like this watch. It's \_\_\_\_\_ than that one.  
 A. busier  
 B. more talented  
 C. cheaper  
 D. more hospitable
- It's easy to park our new car because it's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. large  
 B. convenient  
 C. comfortable  
 D. small
- My new car is faster than my old car. It has a \_\_\_\_\_ engine.  
 A. more powerful  
 B. wider  
 C. higher  
 D. longer
- We're upset because students' test scores were \_\_\_\_\_ this year than last year.  
 A. higher  
 B. lower  
 C. more difficult  
 D. better
- We need more police officers so our city will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. more sympathetic  
 B. more useful  
 C. safer  
 D. newer

## SKILLS CHECK

### Words:

- |                                      |   |                                      |                                   |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> attractive  | <input type="checkbox"/> dirty            | <input type="checkbox"/> happy       | <input type="checkbox"/> neat     | <input type="checkbox"/> small         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> beautiful   | <input type="checkbox"/> easy             | <input type="checkbox"/> healthy     | <input type="checkbox"/> new      | <input type="checkbox"/> smart         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> big         | <input type="checkbox"/> easy-to-use      | <input type="checkbox"/> high        | <input type="checkbox"/> nice     | <input type="checkbox"/> snowy         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> busy        | <input type="checkbox"/> efficient        | <input type="checkbox"/> honest      | <input type="checkbox"/> polite   | <input type="checkbox"/> soft          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> capable     | <input type="checkbox"/> energy-efficient | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitable  | <input type="checkbox"/> poor     | <input type="checkbox"/> spicy         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cheap       | <input type="checkbox"/> exciting         | <input type="checkbox"/> hot         | <input type="checkbox"/> powerful | <input type="checkbox"/> sympathetic   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> clean       | <input type="checkbox"/> expensive        | <input type="checkbox"/> intelligent | <input type="checkbox"/> pretty   | <input type="checkbox"/> talented      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cold        | <input type="checkbox"/> fancy            | <input type="checkbox"/> interesting | <input type="checkbox"/> quiet    | <input type="checkbox"/> talkative     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comfortable | <input type="checkbox"/> fashionable      | <input type="checkbox"/> large       | <input type="checkbox"/> rainy    | <input type="checkbox"/> tall          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> convenient  | <input type="checkbox"/> fast             | <input type="checkbox"/> lazy        | <input type="checkbox"/> reliable | <input type="checkbox"/> understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cool        | <input type="checkbox"/> friendly         | <input type="checkbox"/> light       | <input type="checkbox"/> rich     | <input type="checkbox"/> useful        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cute        | <input type="checkbox"/> good-better      | <input type="checkbox"/> long        | <input type="checkbox"/> safe     | <input type="checkbox"/> warm          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> delicious   | <input type="checkbox"/> handsome         | <input type="checkbox"/> modern      | <input type="checkbox"/> short    | <input type="checkbox"/> wide          |

### I can ask for advice:

- Should I *buy a dog or a cat*?
- Which *computer* do you recommend?

### I can express my opinion:

- I think . . . / In my opinion, . . .
- I agree. / I agree with you.
- I disagree. / I disagree with you.

### I can:

- compare items in a store
- compare items in advertisements

### I can write:

- a comparison of places I know
- a letter to the editor