

Grammar

- 1 Underline the two correct alternatives in each sentence.
- Travelling by bus is usually *not as expensive as/cheaper than/more expensive than* travelling by taxi.
 - Travelling by underground is *much faster/slightly slower/easily quicker* than travelling by river boat.
 - The city is *nowhere near as peaceful as/a little quieter than/much busier than* the countryside.
 - I went to Japan recently and it was fascinating. It was *by far the most interesting/easily the best/by far the worst* country I have ever travelled to.
 - Shopping in a market is usually *a little bit/slightly/by far* cheaper than shopping in a supermarket.
 - Shopping malls are usually *far/much/a little bit* more crowded at weekends than on weekdays.
- 2 There is one mistake in each sentence. Find the mistakes and correct them.
- It is more cheap to travel by train in my country.
 - Trains in London are more crowded that in Paris.
 - Prague is one of most beautiful cities in Europe.
 - Hong Kong is modern than Kyoto.
 - India is by far big than Britain.
 - Edinburgh is nowhere near crowded as London.
 - The underground is far the better when it isn't crowded.

Vocabulary

- 3 Underline the odd one out in each group.
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| 1 train | station | bus | taxi |
| 2 route | journey | walking | trip |
| 3 square | corner | road | ferry |
| 4 roundabout | junction | pedestrian | crossroads |
| 5 dirty | unattractive | bad | friendly |
| 6 crowded | busy | lively | quiet |
- 4 Replace the underlined words/phrases in each sentence with words/phrases with the same meaning in the box.
- cheaper recommend dull peaceful
more attractive slightly beautiful
underground quicker
- There are some lovely old buildings in the city centre.
 - It is usually less expensive to go to London by bus than by train.
 - The new shopping centre doesn't look good. The old one looked better.
 - Restaurants outside the city centre are usually a little bit cheaper.

- I didn't really like the town very much. In fact it was really boring.
- I suggest that you get around the city on foot.
- You can buy subway tickets from automated machines in all stations.
- I love walking along the canal – especially at weekends. It is so quiet!
- It is much faster travelling by train than by river boat.

- 5 Complete the text with the words in the box.

worth impressive traditional friendly
exciting miss unique recommend buildings



Dear Jo

I am so glad to hear that you are going to visit Kyoto. It is a very _____¹ and _____² city and the people are very _____³, too! If you like interesting _____⁴, go to the east part of the city. You can see many _____⁵ houses called 'machiya'. The Golden Pavilion in the north west is well _____⁶ visiting, too. There is no building like it in the city. It is absolutely _____⁷! Finally, don't _____⁸ a trip to the hot springs at Arashiyama. I _____⁹ that you have a foot bath while you are there! It's very relaxing.

Best wishes

Susie