UNIT 05. The Human Environment (Lesson2)

- Describing differences
- Describing similarities
- Discussion Questions
- Review

1. Describing differences

(1) Comparative adjectives

- Three types of rules

-er + than for one-syllable words
more + than for two-syllable words
-ier + than for words that end in -y
good, bad, and far are exceptions

(2) Syllables

- How many syllables is it?

Big	Small	Boring	Exciting
Crowded	Empty	Relaxing	Stressful
Expensive	Cheap	Fast	Slow
Safe	Dangerous	Quiet	Loud

(3) Practice

Q: What's the difference between taking a trip and staying at home?

- exciting
- enjoyable
- boring

A: Taking a trip is <u>more</u> **exciting than** staying at home.

Q: What's the difference between taking the bus and taking the subway?

- big
- cheap
- fast

A: Taking the subway is ~~more~~ **faster than** taking a bus.

Q: What's the difference between fast food and home cooked food?

- tasty
- healthy
- easy

A: Home cooked food is ~~more~~ **healthier than** fast food.

(4) The Exceptions

good < better < best	ex) A is ~~more~~ better than B
bad < worse < worst	ex) A is ~~more~~ worse than B
far < further < furthest	ex) A is ~~more~~ further than B

Q: What's the difference between museums and stadiums?

A: Museums are ~~more~~ **better than** stadiums.

A: Museums are **quieter / more quieter than** stadiums.

(5) Alternative Grammar

- Previously: "A is **more adj. than** B"
- Using "B **is not as**… adj. … **as** A" has the same meaning.

1. The subjects A and B change positions.
2. The adjective doesn't change.
3. Syllables are not important.

(6) Alternative Grammar Practice

Q: What's the difference between the dentist and the doctor?

- cheap
- painful
- scary

A: The dentist is **scarier than** the doctor.

A: The doctor **isn't as** scary **as** the dentist.

Q: What's the difference between the swimming pool and the gym?

- expensive
- tiring
- enjoyable

A: The pool is **more enjoyable than** the gym.

A: The gym **isn't as** enjoyable **as** the pool.

(7) Superlative adjectives

- Describing the differences of things in a group
- Three types of rules

the + *-est* for one-syllable words
the + *most* for two-syllable words
the + *-iest* for words that end in -y
good, bad, and far are exceptions

(8) Practice superlative adjectives

Q: How are the houses different?

- peaceful
- expensive
- elegant

A: The cottage **is** **the most** **peaceful** house.

Q: How are the dogs different?

- nice
- big
- white

A: The dog on the left is **the whitest** dog.

Q: How are the sandwiches different?

- tasty
- easy
- healthy

A: The ice cream sandwich is **the tastiest.**

(9) Differences with verbs

-previously: "A **is** more adj. than B"
"B **is** not as ··· adj. ··· as A"
"A **is** the most adj."

1. The "be" verb can change to another verb.
2. There doesn't need to be an adjective.
3. Syllables are not important.

(10) Practice differences with verbs

Q: What's the difference between these two cats?

- eat
- sleep
- hunt

A: The orange cat **sleeps more than** the black cat.

A: The orange cat **sleeps the most.**

Q: What's the difference between you and your brothers?

- talk
- eat
- sleep

A: I **talk more than** my brothers.

A: I **talk the most.**

2. Describing similarities

(1) The grammar of similarities

- Previously: "B **is not as**··· adj. ··· **as** A"
- Using "B **is as**··· adj. ··· **as** A" /
  "A **is as**··· adj. ··· **as** B" /
  "A **(verb)** as **much** as B."

1. The subjects A and B change positions.
2. The adjective doesn't change.
3. Syllables are not important.

(2) Practice describing similarities

Q: How are the dogs similar?

- nice
- happy
- white

A: The dog on the left **is as** <u>**white**</u> **as** the other dogs.

A: The dog on the left <u>**eats**</u> **as much as** the other two.

Q: How are the instruments similar?

- beautiful
- easy
- difficult

A: Learning the guitar **is as difficult as** the violin.

A: The guitar **sounds as beautiful as** the violin.

3. Discussion questions:

1. How is Seoul different to other cities in Korea?

A: Seoul is definitely **the biggest** city in Korea. But honestly I think Busan **is as enjoyable as** Seoul. Because Seoul **is bigger than** other cities, it does have more fun activities of course.

2. What's the difference between the different neighborhoods you've lived in?

A: My old neighborhood in Australia **is quieter than** my neighborhood here in Seoul. But my old place **isn't as convenient as** the place I live in now.

3. Which one is better, living in an apartment in the city or a house in the countryside?

A: I would say living in an apartment in the city **is better than** a house in the countryside. Especially for **younger** people. **Older** people would probably like a house more than an apartment. It would **be more peaceful**.