

G choosing between comparatives and superlatives V transportation P /f/, /dʒ/, and /tʃ/, linking

## 1 VOCABULARY transportation

a Complete the crossword.

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b Complete the compound nouns with one word.

- Don't forget to put your seat \_\_\_\_\_ belt on.
- You'll get a \_\_\_\_\_ ticket if you leave your car there.
- Sorry we're late. There was a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ jam downtown.
- The trip took us twice as long because there was \_\_\_\_\_ work on the freeway.
- I wish bike riders would use the \_\_\_\_\_ lane instead of the sidewalk.
- We need to fill up at the \_\_\_\_\_ station before we leave.
- The traffic is always worse during \_\_\_\_\_ hour.
- There wasn't anybody waiting at the taxi \_\_\_\_\_.
- Slow down! There are \_\_\_\_\_ cameras on this road.
- We had to stop at the traffic \_\_\_\_\_ because it was red.
- There was a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ crash, so they closed the freeway.
- This road is dangerous to cross. Let's use the \_\_\_\_\_ walk.
- Do you know what the speed \_\_\_\_\_ is on this road?
- They made this street a \_\_\_\_\_ zone, so there aren't any cars.

**c Complete the sentences with the correct form of take.**

- 1 It usually takes two hours to get to my mother's house.
- 2 How long \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ to get downtown on a weekday?
- 3 It usually \_\_\_\_\_ us about 45 minutes to get to the airport.
- 4 It \_\_\_\_\_ me two hours to get to work yesterday.
- 5 I'm not looking forward to driving to Los Angeles tomorrow. It \_\_\_\_\_ about eight hours to get there.
- 6 How long \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ you to get home last night?

**d Complete the sentences with the words from the list.**

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- 1 We asked our neighbor to drop us off at the airport.
- 2 They set \_\_\_\_\_ early because they wanted to arrive before lunch.
- 3 Charlie forgot his GPS, so he ended \_\_\_\_\_ getting completely lost.
- 4 Look \_\_\_\_\_! That car isn't going to stop.
- 5 Do you think you could pick me \_\_\_\_\_ from the train station?
- 6 I ran \_\_\_\_\_ gas because I forgot to fill up when I left home.

**e Answer the questions.**

- 1 How do you usually travel around your town or city?  
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- 2 How do you usually travel when you go on vacation?  
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- 3 What's the traffic like during rush hour where you live?  
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- 4 What's the speed limit on the freeway in your country?  
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- 5 How long does it take you to get downtown?  
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- 6 Who usually picks you up and drops you off at the airport?  
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- 7 Have you ever run out of gas? If so, where were you going?  
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- 8 Have you ever gotten lost? If so, where did you end up?  
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**2 PRONUNCIATION /ʃ/, /dʒ/, and /tʃ/**

**a Circle the word with a different sound.**

 <b>jazz</b>	1 bridge <u>cheap</u> journey mortgage
 <b>shower</b>	2 station crash watch rush
 <b>chess</b>	3 catch jam adventure coach

**b 3.1 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.**



### 3 GRAMMAR choosing between comparatives and superlatives

- a Write sentences with the information from the survey. Use the comparative or the superlative.

## Where to go?

We reveal the results from our reader survey of three popular vacation destinations.

	Bangkok (Thailand)	Dubai (UAE)	Cancun (Mexico)
It's expensive	★	★★★★	★★
It's crowded	★★★	★★	★★
It's easy to get to	★★	★★	★★★★
It's exciting	★★★	★★	★★
It's hot	★★	★★★★	★★
It's relaxing	★	★★	★★★★

- Dubai / expensive / Bangkok  
*Dubai is more expensive than Bangkok.*
- Bangkok / crowded of the three destinations  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Cancun / easy to get to / Bangkok  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Bangkok / exciting / Dubai  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Dubai / hot / Cancun  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Cancun / relaxing of the three destinations  
\_\_\_\_\_

b Complete the sentences with one word.

- Gas isn't as expensive in the US as it is in the UK.
- My father drives more slowly \_\_\_\_\_ my mother.
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ cheapest gas station in the city.
- Let's go by train. It's \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable than the bus.
- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ day of my life – everything has gone wrong!
- I think trains are \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous than cars. There are fewer accidents.
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ to go by subway than by bus. Buses are much slower.
- Singapore is the \_\_\_\_\_ expensive city in the world.
- You're at the Sheraton? We're staying at the same hotel \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- Why don't we walk? It's the \_\_\_\_\_ expensive way to travel.

- c Complete the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use the word in parentheses. Write 3–5 words. Contractions are two words, e.g., *isn't*.

- My apartment is bigger than my boyfriend's. (big)  
My boyfriend's apartment isn't as big as mine.
- You don't walk as fast as me. (than)  
I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- I've never been to a more interesting city than Istanbul. (most)  
Istanbul is \_\_\_\_\_ I've been to.
- My job isn't as interesting as yours. (less)  
My job \_\_\_\_\_ yours.
- I've never eaten a better pizza. (the)  
This is \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever eaten.
- The train is more expensive than the bus. (as)  
The bus \_\_\_\_\_ the train.
- We have the same car. (as)  
Your car \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
- I've never slept in such an uncomfortable bed before. (least)  
That's \_\_\_\_\_ I've ever slept in.

### 4 PRONUNCIATION linking

- a 3.2 Listen and complete the sentences.

- It's the most dangerous thing I've ever done.
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ going by train than by bus.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ place to visit is the museum.
- Flying is a lot \_\_\_\_\_ than going by train.
- Scooters aren't \_\_\_\_\_ motorcycles.
- It's the \_\_\_\_\_ I've been here.

- b 3.2 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Listen carefully to the linked words. Copy the rhythm.