

**SOLUTIONS INTERMEDIATE 2**

**UNIT 4: HOME**

**4C**

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# 4B

## Grammar

### Comparison

*I can make comparisons using a variety of structures.*

#### 1 Complete the sentences with a double comparative.

- 1 The weather is getting *colder and colder*. (cold)
- 2 This area is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(popular)
- 3 Jimmy is getting \_\_\_\_\_ . (tall)
- 4 Petrol was getting \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(expensive)
- 5 Maria is becoming \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(confident)
- 6 The film just got \_\_\_\_\_ . (silly)

**2 Put the words in the correct order.**

1 I thought / longer / The journey was / than

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2 more spacious / The flat was / than / appeared / it

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3 in Greece / hotter / it was / The weather here is / than

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4 much more / it used to be / The house is / dilapidated /  
than

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5 than / My grandad is / when he was a young man / shorter  
now

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6 as popular as / it was / five years ago / This area isn't

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**3** Complete the sentence halves with the comparative form of the adjectives and adverbs in brackets. Then match 1–5 with a–e.

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ (long) I work,
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ (spacious) the house,
- 3 The \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) you drive,
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ (carefully) you check your work,
- 5 The \_\_\_\_\_ (long) you keep him waiting,
- a the \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) it will be.
- b the \_\_\_\_\_ (impatient) he'll become.
- c the \_\_\_\_\_ (few) mistakes you make.
- d the \_\_\_\_\_ (likely) you are to have an accident.
- e the \_\_\_\_\_ (tired) I feel.

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**5 Complete the sentences with *less*, *the least*, *fewer*, or *the fewest*.**

- 1 The kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_ spacious room in the house.
- 2 My flat is \_\_\_\_\_ conveniently located than yours.
- 3 This house has got \_\_\_\_\_ rooms of the three we've looked at.
- 4 Which costs \_\_\_\_\_, the semi-detached house or the terraced house?
- 5 This is \_\_\_\_\_ popular area of the city.
- 6 Which room has got \_\_\_\_\_ furniture, the dining room, living room, or kitchen?
- 7 There are \_\_\_\_\_ flowers in the flower bed this year than last.
- 8 Wales is \_\_\_\_\_ remote than the north of Scotland.



**6 Complete the sentences with the comparative and superlative form of the adverbs in brackets.**

1 Dan drives \_\_\_\_\_ than Ed, but Sam drives \_\_\_\_\_ of all. (slow)


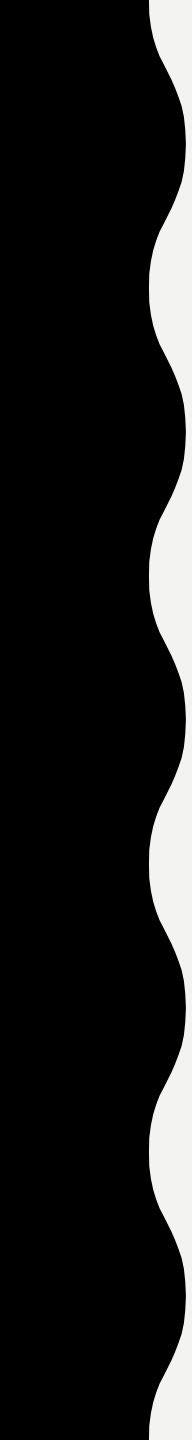
2 Amy works \_\_\_\_\_ than Kate, but Frances works \_\_\_\_\_. (hard)

3 Adam speaks French \_\_\_\_\_ than Jason, but Chris speaks \_\_\_\_\_. (fluently)

4 Jed walks \_\_\_\_\_ than Fred, but Tom walks \_\_\_\_\_. (fast)

5 Ed writes \_\_\_\_\_ than Fran, but Susan writes \_\_\_\_\_. (good)






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**WHAT ARE YOUR  
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HOME COMFORTS?  
WHICH ONES COULD  
YOU MANAGE  
WITHOUT?**



1 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Look at the photo, title and slogan opposite. What happens on a 'Big Sleep Out', do you think?

## 2 Read the text and check your ideas from exercise 1.



# THE BIG SLEEP OUT

## RAISING MONEY FOR PEOPLE WHO SLEEP ROUGH

Nobody knows exactly how many young people in the UK are homeless, but the figure may be as high as 75,000. Many of them are teenagers who don't live with their families. While the majority of homeless people are unemployed, some have jobs but are still unable to afford accommodation, especially in places where rents are very high, like London. The Big Sleep Out is a charity event which raises money to tackle homelessness among young people. Big Sleep Outs happen all over the country. People who are not homeless choose to sleep rough for one night. This raises a lot of money each year and reminds politicians to look for a solution to the problem.

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## Listening Strategy 1

When you listen to a recording, remember that many ideas will be expressed differently in the task. For example, a simple verb in the task may be expressed by a phrase in the recording:


*sleep well* → *get a good night's sleep*



3 Read **Listening Strategy 1**. Complete the definitions with the words below.

**contact**   **enjoy**   **help**   **ignore**   **talk**   **try**

- 1 to give somebody a hand = to \_\_\_\_\_ somebody
- 2 to turn a blind eye to something = to \_\_\_\_\_ something
- 3 to make a big effort = to \_\_\_\_\_ hard
- 4 to have the time of your life = to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself a lot
- 5 to have a word with somebody = to \_\_\_\_\_ to somebody
- 6 to get in touch with somebody = to \_\_\_\_\_ somebody

- 4  **2.07** Listen to three short recordings. Answer the questions. Use the verbs and phrases in exercise 3 to help you.

**Speaker 1**

- 1 Did she enjoy her Big Sleep Out?
- 2 Did she talk to the organisers?

**Speaker 2**

- 3 Does he think the organisers tried hard to publicise the event this year?
- 4 Did they contact the local newspaper last year?

**Speaker 3**

- 5 Does she think politicians ignore the problem of homelessness?
- 6 Did she help at the office of a charity?



**IT WAS RAINING  
CATS AND DOGS.**




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**IT WAS RAINING  
VERY HEAVILY.**

## **Listening Strategy 2**

Pay attention to whether the language you hear is formal or informal. This can be an important clue to the context.

- 5  **2.08** Read **Listening Strategy 2**. Then listen to five recordings. Which excerpts contain formal language? Use the table below to help you identify them.

Formal	Informal
increase sharply	go up a lot
offer / require assistance	need help
a high priority	very important
make a proposal	suggest something
currently	at the moment
gain employment	find a job



**6**  **2.08** Listen again. Choose the correct answers (a–c).

- 1 Who is Speaker 1 speaking to?
  - a An audience at a conference.
  - b A friend who works for a charity.
  - c A young homeless person.
- 2 Speaker 2 thinks that older people
  - a care more about homelessness.
  - b are more likely to take part in the Big Sleep Out.
  - c often don't have time to think about homelessness.
- 3 Who does Speaker 3 work for?
  - a a youth hostel
  - b a local business
  - c a city council
- 4 What does Speaker 4 dislike most about being homeless?
  - a Receiving unkind comments.
  - b Seeing people fight.
  - c Spending too much time on his own.
- 5 Why does Speaker 5 avoid the High Street at night?
  - a She thinks it is dangerous.
  - b The homeless people make her anxious.
  - c She does not know what to say to the homeless people.

## 7 **SPEAKING** Discuss these questions with your partner.

1 What would be the worst thing about being homeless?

Think about:

the weather   other people's attitudes   being alone  
being uncomfortable   personal safety   hygiene

2 What should governments do to tackle the problem of homelessness?

3 What can individuals do to help the homeless?

I think the worst thing would be not having a bed / feeling cold all the time / not being able to wash ...



# 4B

## Comparison

### 1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are **fewer** / **less** shops in this area, but it's much more convenient for work.
- 2 It's the most beautiful house I've **ever** / **never** seen.
- 3 The traffic is far **heavy** / **heavier** than it used to be.
- 4 Our neighbours are getting **more** / **noisier** and noisier.
- 5 We can get to your house **more quickly** / **quick** if we take the bus.
- 6 The harder we look for a house, the **much** / **more** difficult it gets.
- 7 Your bedroom is much bigger **for** / **than** mine.
- 8 This is the **least** / **worst** expensive house in the street.

2 Complete the email with the words and phrases below.

better and better cheaper fewer further impressive I've ever seen less most

**Message** **Options** [minimize] [maximize] [close]

Hi Freya,

It was great to hear from you, and I'm really pleased that you're planning to move here. You wanted some advice about different areas in the city, so here are my favourite three places.

South Hollifield is probably the<sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ charming part of the city. It's got some beautiful big houses and some really interesting shops and restaurants. But I know that you're looking for a flat and unfortunately there are<sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ flats in this area. Upper Hollifield is in the north of the city. The houses here are much less<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ than in South Hollifield, and of course they're also much<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. But I think that the area is getting<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. There's<sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ crime here than there used to be and the new school is very good. The third area to consider is Lower Greenside. This is a contemporary development and it's got some of the most unusual houses and flats<sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_! It is<sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ from the centre of town, but the public transport system is excellent.

Hope that's helpful!  
Lots of love  
Kay

**3** **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Complete the table with your own opinions. Then ask and answer questions to find out your partner's ideas.

	Me	My partner
most boring book / ever read		
least expensive thing / in my bag		
most difficult exam / ever take		
best actor / ever see		
worst song / ever hear		
most expensive thing / in my room		

What's the most boring book you've ever read?

I think the most boring book I've ever read was the first Harry Potter book.

Really? I loved it! The most boring book I've ever read was ...

**ASSIGNMENT:  
WORKBOOK 4C  
LISTENING PART  
PAMPHLET**

**DEADLINE: SUNDAY**