

SCENE 32 • GRAMMAR

mai rece decât

Comparing things and seasons

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

The weather and what to wear

Romanian

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Comparing things and seasons

Use **mai** plus an adjective and **decât** for than: **mai mare decât, mai rece decât**. The adjective still agrees with its noun: **o geantă mai mare, zile mai lungi**.

For as ... as, use **la fel de ... ca: la fel de mare ca**. Common adverb comparisons include **mai bine, mai mult, mai puțin**.

All seasons are **primăvară, vară, toamnă, iarnă**. In a season, use **primăvara, vara, toamna, iarna** as time adverbs: **Vara mergem la mare. Grade** is the plural of **grad**.

Lacul este mai cald decât marea.

The lake is warmer than the sea.

Marea este mai rece decât lacul.

The sea is colder than the lake.

Vara zilele sunt mai lungi.

In summer the days are longer.

Este la fel de mare ca acesta.

It is as big as this one.

Am o geantă mai mare.

I have a bigger bag.

Sunt zece grade.

It is ten degrees.

A comparative compares two things. In Romanian the describing word normally follows **mai**, and the second thing follows **decât**.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Lacul este mai cald decât marea.

Meaning: The lake is warmer than the sea.

- 2 Marea este mai rece decât lacul.

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

- 3 Vara zilele sunt mai lungi.

Meaning: In summer the days are longer.

4 Este la fel de mare ca acesta.

Meaning: It is as big as this one.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Lacul este _____ cald decât marea.

- ☐ A cea
- ☐ B cel
- ☐ C mai

Meaning: The lake is warmer than the sea.

2 Marea este mai rece _____ lacul.

- ☐ A decât
- ☐ B ca
- ☐ C cu

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

3 Vara zilele sunt mai _____.

- ☐ A lungă
- ☐ B lungi
- ☐ C lung

Meaning: In summer the days are longer.

4 Este la fel de mare _____ acesta.

- ☐ A de
- ☐ B decât
- ☐ C ca

Meaning: It is as big as this one.

5 Am o geantă mai _____.

- ☐ A mare
- ☐ B marele
- ☐ C mari

Meaning: I have a bigger bag.

6 Sunt zece _____.

- ☐ A grade
- ☐ B gradul
- ☐ C grad

Meaning: It is ten degrees.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

lungi lung

Vara zilele sunt mai _____.

Meaning: In summer the days are longer.

ca decât

Este la fel de mare _____ acesta.

Meaning: It is as big as this one.

mare mari

Am o geantă mai _____.

Meaning: I have a bigger bag.

grade grad

Sunt zece _____.

Meaning: It is ten degrees.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1

este

Lacul

cald

mare.

mai

decât

Meaning: The lake is warmer than the sea.

2 lacul. decât rece mai este Marea

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

3 sunt zilele mai lungi. Vara

Meaning: In summer the days are longer.

4 mare la fel de ca acesta. Este

Meaning: It is as big as this one.

5 Am mai geantă mare. o

Meaning: I have a bigger bag.

6

grade.

zece

Sunt

Meaning: It is ten degrees.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 The lake is warmer than the sea. You say:

- ☐ A Lacul este cel cald decât marea.
- ☐ B Lacul este mai cald decât marea.

2 The sea is colder than the lake. You say:

- ☐ A Marea este mai rece decât lacul.
- ☐ B Marea este mai rece ca lacul.

3 In summer the days are longer. You say:

- ☐ A Vara zilele sunt mai lungi.
- ☐ B Vara zilele sunt mai lung.

4 It is as big as this one. You say:

- (A) Este la fel de mare decât acesta.
- (B) Este la fel de mare ca acesta.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Sunt zece grade. | (A) I have a bigger bag. |
| (2) Marea este mai
rece decât lacul. | (B) The sea is colder than the lake. |
| (3) Vara zilele sunt mai
lungi. | (C) It is ten degrees. |
| (4) Am o geantă mai
mare. | (D) In summer the days are longer. |
| (5) Lacul este mai cald
decât marea. | (E) The lake is warmer than the sea. |
| (6) Este la fel de mare
ca acesta. | (F) It is as big as this one. |