

SCENE 32 • GRAMMAR

Hladnije, topliji, od

Comparing weather and things

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

The weather and what to wear

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Comparing weather and things

A comparative compares two things. Adjectives have real comparative forms: **hladan • hladniji, topao • topliji, velik • veći, malen • manji, dobar • bolji**. The ending then agrees with the noun: **veća torba, toplija jakna**.

Use **od** plus the genitive with a noun: **more je hladnije od jezera**. **Nego** can compare phrases: **u Hamburgu je hladnije nego ovdje**. The impersonal weather comparison uses neuter **hladnije**, not the learner's sex.

Proljeće • ljeto • jesen • zima are the full seasons. Time adverbs are **ljeti • zimi**; phrases **u proljeće • u jesen**. Use **stupanj • stupnja • stupnjeva** with temperature numbers. Snow and temperatures below zero stay in the European setting.

Pattern	Example	Meaning
hladnije	Ovdje je hladnije nego u Hamburgu.	It is colder here than in Hamburg.
jezera	More je hladnije od jezera.	The sea is colder than the lake.
veća	Ova torba je veća.	This bag is bigger.
manji	Ovaj stol je manji.	This table is smaller.

Ovdje je hladnije nego u Hamburgu.

It is colder here than in Hamburg.

More je hladnije od jezera.

The sea is colder than the lake.

Ova torba je veća.

This bag is bigger.

Ovaj stol je manji.

This table is smaller.

Jakna je toplija.

The jacket is warmer.

Vrijeme je bolje.

The weather is better.

Ljeti idem na more.

I go to the sea in summer.

Danas je dvadeset stupnjeva.

Today it is twenty degrees.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN**

Underline the form practised in this unit.

- 1 Ovdje je hladnije nego u Hamburgu.

Meaning: It is colder here than in Hamburg.

- 2 More je hladnije od jezera.

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

- 3 Ova torba je veća.

Meaning: This bag is bigger.

- 4 Ovaj stol je manji.

Meaning: This table is smaller.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Use the English meaning and the pattern in this unit.

1 Ovdje je _____ nego u Hamburgu.

- ☐ A hladnija
- ☐ B hladniji
- ☐ C hladnije

Meaning: It is colder here than in Hamburg.

2 More je hladnije od _____.

- ☐ A jezera
- ☐ B jezero
- ☐ C jezerom

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

3 Ova torba je _____.

- ☐ A veće
- ☐ B veća
- ☐ C veći

Meaning: This bag is bigger.

4 Ovaj stol je _____.

- ☐ A manje
- ☐ B manja
- ☐ C manji

Meaning: This table is smaller.

5 Jakna je _____.

- ☐ A toplija
- ☐ B toplije
- ☐ C topliji

Meaning: The jacket is warmer.

6 Vrijeme je _____.

- ☐ A bolje
- ☐ B bolja
- ☐ C bolji

Meaning: The weather is better.

7 _____ idem na more.

- ☐ A Zimi
- ☐ B Ljeti
- ☐ C Jučer

Meaning: I go to the sea in summer.

8 Danas je dvadeset _____.

- ☐ A stupanj
- ☐ B stupnjeva
- ☐ C stupnjevima

Meaning: Today it is twenty degrees.

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

veća veći

Ova torba je _____.

Meaning: This bag is bigger.

manji manja

Ovaj stol je _____.

Meaning: This table is smaller.

toplija topliji

Jakna je _____.

Meaning: The jacket is warmer.

bolje bolji

Vrijeme je _____.

Meaning: The weather is better.

Ljeti Zimi

_____ idem na more.

Meaning: I go to the sea in summer.

stupnjeva stupanj

Danas je dvadeset _____.

Meaning: Today it is twenty degrees.

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE

Put the words in order.

1 je Ovdje nego Hamburgu. hladnije u

Meaning: It is colder here than in Hamburg.

2 More hladnije jezera. od je

Meaning: The sea is colder than the lake.

3 torba je veća. Ova

Meaning: This bag is bigger.

4 stol Ovaj manji. je

Meaning: This table is smaller.

5 je Jakna toplija.

Meaning: The jacket is warmer.

- 6 bolje. je Vrijeme
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Meaning: The weather is better.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 It is colder here than in Hamburg. You say:

- ☐ A Ovdje je hladniji nego u Hamburgu.
- ☐ B Ovdje je hladnije nego u Hamburgu.

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

- ☐ A More je hladnije od jezera.
- ☐ B More je hladnije od jezero.

3 This bag is bigger. You say:

- ☐ A Ova torba je veća.
- ☐ B Ova torba je veći.

4 This table is smaller. You say:

- (A) Ovaj stol je manja.
- (B) Ovaj stol je manji.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) Vrijeme je bolje. | (A) I go to the sea in summer. |
| (2) More je hladnije od jezera. | (B) This bag is bigger. |
| (3) Danas je dvadeset stupnjeva. | (C) It is colder here than in Hamburg. |
| (4) Ova torba je veća. | (D) The weather is better. |
| (5) Ovaj stol je manji. | (E) Today it is twenty degrees. |
| (6) Ljeti idem na more. | (F) This table is smaller. |
| (7) Ovdje je hladnije nego u Hamburgu. | (G) The sea is colder than the lake. |

- 8 Jakna je toplija. H The jacket is warmer.