

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 27: It's way bigger

レッスン 27: それははるかに大きいです

Target: Using the advanced form of comparatives
 目的: 比較形を応用して使ってみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• on the planet	地球上で	• (be) identical	全く同じ
• through...	〜によって	• (be) blazing	激しい
• (to) come up with...	思い付く	• a connection	通信
• a tip	ヒント	• considerably	相当に
• (to) research...	調べる	• (be) punctual	時間通りの
• (to) get around	あちこちに移動する	• nowhere near	〜とは懸け離れている
• that being said	それはそれとして	• simply	本当に
• (to) compare...	比べる	• way	かなり
• nearly	ほとんど	• far	はるかに

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I have been travelling for years. I've been to almost every country on the planet. Through my travels I've come up with some pretty useful travel tips. Here are my top 5.

1. The more you research where you're going, the easier it will be to get around.
2. The nicer you are to people, the nicer they will be to you.
3. The more money you bring, the more fun you'll be able to have.
4. The less stuff you bring in your backpack, the easier it will be to walk around.
5. The more people you know in the place you're visiting, the more interesting local places you'll be able to visit.

I don't really have a favorite country. All the countries I've visited have been amazing. That being said it is fun to compare different places.

- Tokyo and Paris have nearly identical towers, but Tokyo Tower is slightly bigger than the Eiffel Tower. Only by a couple of meters though.
- Japan and Korea both have blazing fast internet, but I think the average connection speed in Korea is almost twice as fast as it is in Japan.
- Australia and Malaysia both have a hot summer. The temperature during summer in Sydney is about as hot as it is in KL, but summer in Malaysia is considerably more humid than in Australia.
- France and Japan both have bullet trains, but I found that although the ticket prices for the TGV were pretty much as expensive as a ticket for a Shinkansen, the Japanese trains were much more punctual. We didn't have a late train during our entire trip in Japan.
- The trains in Australia are terrible though. They are nowhere near as good as the trains in France or Japan.
- One good thing Australia did have were fireworks. The fireworks in Australia for New Year's were simply amazing. They were way better than the fireworks I've seen in some other countries.
- The beer in Belgium is amazing. It's far better than regular American beer. Although it is quite expensive. One bottle of Belgium beer (when you're not in Belgium) can almost cost as much as four or more regular American beers.

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Answer the questions below

1. What happens if you research the place more?
2. What happens if you bring more money?
3. What happens if you bring less stuff?
4. Is summer in Australia or Malaysia more humid?
5. Are the trains in France more punctual then the trains in Japan?
6. Are the trains in Australia better than the trains in Japan?
7. How much can a bottle of Belgium beer cost when you're not in Belgium?
8. How many examples of comparatives can you find?

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