

Dividing the Cake

UNIT

1

Objectives

On completion of this unit you'll be able to identify and use the following expressions and structures in your listening, speaking, reading and writing:

- comparative adjective/adverbs (with 'er') with *than*
- superlative adjectives with *the*
- more + adjective/adverb + than
- as + adjective/adverb + as



Overview

Lesson 1 : Dividing the Cake

Learning point : *adj/adv + er ... + than*

Lesson 2 : Visiting the Zoo

Learning point : *more + adj/adv + than*

Lesson 3 : In the Shopping Centre

Learning point : *superlative adj with 'the' as + adj/adv + as*

Lesson 4 : Revision and Test

Answer Key

Dividing the Cake

LESSON

1

A



Look at the picture and answer the following questions orally.

- 1 How many animals are there in the picture?
- 2 What is the monkey doing?
- 3 What are the rats doing?



B



Now read the following story and answer the questions at D.

Mrs Amin has a small family. She has only two children, Reba and Rashed. Reba is ten years old. Rashed is younger than Reba. Reba is not a very tall girl but she is taller than her brother. One day they were playing under a mango tree. Suddenly a big mango fell in front of them. Both Reba and Rashed wanted to have the mango. So a quarrel began. Their mother heard it and came out.

Mrs Amin : Stop quarrelling, children! It's not fair. Listen, I'll tell you a story.

One day two rats were happy to find a piece of cake. The cake was big enough for them. But the problem was to divide it equally. Each rat wanted

to have the bigger share than the other. None was ready to take the smaller one. At last they went to a monkey for justice. The monkey was wiser than the rats.

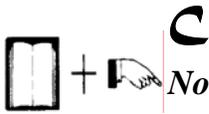
The monkey : It's very hard to divide the cake equally. Do it yourselves.

But the rats again requested him to divide the cake for them. So the clever monkey brought his scales and broke the cake into two pieces. He put the pieces on each side of the scales. They found that one of the pieces was heavier than the other. The monkey took a small bite from the heavier one. Now the other piece became heavier. So he took another small bite from that. But the pieces were still not equal. The monkey began to continue his practice. Suddenly a rat cried out, "Stop. Please stop. You are eating our cake." The other rat said, "I'll take the smaller one. Please give us the pieces back."

But the monkey claimed : No, this is my part. I've done a lot for you. So I'll keep the pieces for me.

Reba and Rashed understood the result of a quarrel. They said, "Mother, we won't quarrel any more in future."

Mrs Amin : Thank you. Remember it.



C
Note the following words and expressions.

younger	: বয়সে ছোট
heavier	: অপেক্ষাকৃত ভারি
quarrel	: বাগড়া, বিবাদ
yet	: তবুও
cake	: কেক
equally	: সমানভাবে
began to continue his practice	: তার একই কাজ চালিয়ে যেতে 'i i' করল
big enough	: যথেষ্ট পরিমাণ বড়
claim	: দাবি করা
bigger share	: Zj bvgj Kfvবে বড় অংশ
justice	: ন্যায়বিচার
I've done a lot for you	: আমি তোমাদের জন্য প্রচুর (কাজ) করেছি
not any more in future	: ভবিষ্যতে আর না
divide	: ভাগ করা
scales	: দাড়িপাল্লা



D
Answer the following questions first orally and then in writing.

- 1 Who is younger than Reba?
- 2 Is Rashed taller than Reba?
- 3 Who told the story to Reba and Rashed?

- 4 Who wanted the bigger share of the cake?
- 5 Who was wiser than the rats?
- 6 Why did Mrs Amin tell the story to her children?

Ε



Read and note carefully.

- 1 Chittagong is a *great* city. Dhaka is *greater than* Chittagong.
- 2 Shahid is a *clever* boy. Habib is *cleverer than* Shahid.
- 3 The Jamuna is a *wide* river. The Meghna is *wider than* the Jamuna.
- 4 The horse is a *large* animal. The elephant is *larger than* the horse.



Now complete the following sentences.

- 1 The Karnafuly is not than the Padma. (wide)
- 2 Mrs Amin is than her sister. (strong)
- 3 Rafiq is than Suman. (happy)
- 4 My father is than yours. (busy)
- 5 Azad is than Anwar. (bold)
- 6 The rose looks than any other flower. (nice)
- 7 The deer runs than the tiger. (fast)
- 8 The girl is than her sister. (thin)
- 9 Alam is than Salam. (fat)
- 10 Shila is than her sister. (lazy)

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Make six sentences by matching the items in Column A with those in Column B and C. Use the comparative degree with 'er' followed by than while picking up the appropriate item from Column B. Item 3 is done for you as an example.

eg Reba tall Rashed
Reba is taller than Rashed

The horse	easy	the elephant
The Padma	wide	mutton
Reba	tall	Rajshahi
Beef	small	the Karnafuly
Dhaka	great	swimming
Walking	cheap	Rashed

1. The horse
2. The Padma
3. Reba is taller than Rashed.
4. Beef
5. Dhaka
6. Walking

Visiting the Zoo

LESSON

2



Look at the picture and try to guess the following.

- 1 What is the picture about?
- 2 What are the children doing?
- 3 What animals can you see in the picture?



B

Now read the following text and answer the questions at D.

It was a sunny afternoon. Mr Amin and his family went to visit the zoo. Reba and Rashed were very excited to see the beautiful birds and animals in the zoo.

They ran here and there and enjoyed the views. Their parents were also enjoying the visit.

Reba : Look, Rashed, The peacock looks very beautiful.

Rashed : Indeed! It's more beautiful than any other bird. Its feathers look very charming. Do you see the colourful birds in the lake? I think the lake view is more charming than the land view of the zoo. Isn't it?

- Reba : Yes, it is. But where is the Royal Bengal Tiger, father?
Mr Amin : Over there. Let's go.
Rashed : I see two tigers in a cage and two lions in another.
Mr Amin : Don't go near the cage, Rashed. They are very dangerous.
Reba : Which is more dangerous father, a tiger or a lion?
Mr Amin : Both of them are equally dangerous, Rashed. Don't try to touch the cage. It's not safe.
Mrs Amin : Children, won't you see the elephant?
Rashed : Of course, mother. We must go there.
Reba : The elephant is a very large animal.
Rashed : Don't you see? The elephant is larger than any other animal in the zoo.
Mrs Amin : (To her husband) Rashed is very intelligent. Isn't he?
Mr Amin : Yes, he is. He is more intelligent than the other boys. But you look tired ...
Mrs Amin : Yes, I am more tired than the children. Let's take a little rest here.
Mr Amin : Well, children, come back. We'll have some snacks here. Sit down. Let me see what is available.

C



Note the following words and expressions.

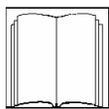
excited	: উত্তেজিত	view	: দৃশ্য
charming	: মনোরম	colourful	: বর্ণাঢ্য
over there	: ঐখানে	cage	: খাঁচা
dangerous	: বিপজ্জনক	intelligent	: বুদ্ধিমান
snack	: হালকা খাবার		

D



Answer the following questions first orally and then in writing.

- 1 Where did Reba and Rashed visit?
- 2 Who thought that the lake view was more charming than the land view?
- 3 Which animal is larger than the others?
- 4 Who was more tired than the children?



E

Read the following sentences.

- 1 Dhaka is more populous than Rajshahi.
- 2 The cow is more useful than the horse.
- 3 The cat is less faithful than the dog.
- 4 Gold is more valuable than silver.
- 5 The car moves more speedily than the bus.
- 6 The port of Chittagong is more important than that of Chalna.



Now complete the following sentences using the hints in the brackets.

- 1 Rashed can walk than Reba. (quickly)
- 2 Diamond is than gold. (costly)
- 3 Arabic is than Bengali. (difficult)
- 4 Sumon is than his brother. (attentive)
- 5 You are than that boy. (polite)
- 6 We should be than others. (dutiful)
- 7 Habib is not than his friend. (careful)
- 8 Reba is than Rekha. (hopeful)

F



Rewrite the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words.

Use information from the reading passage at B.

Reba and Rashed 1 to visit the 2 with their parents. 3 liked the peacock 4. Rashed thought that the lake view of the zoo was more 5 than the land 6. They also saw the 7, the lion, and the 8. They found that the elephant was 9 than any other 10 in the zoo.

In the Shopping Centre

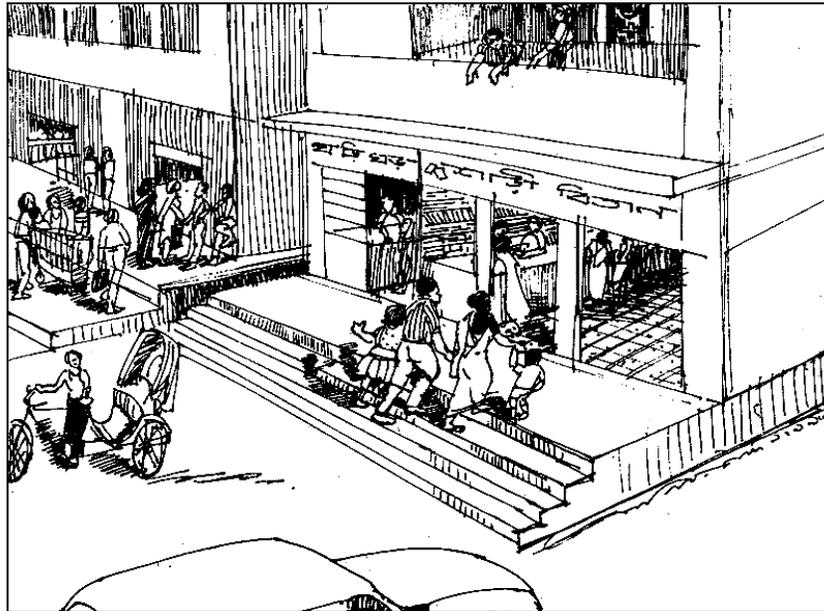
LESSON

3



Look at the picture and try to answer the following.

- 1 What place is it?
- 2 What are the people doing?



Read the following text and answer the questions at D.

The Eid festival was very near. Everybody was busy with shopping. One day Mr Amin took his family to a shopping centre. He was entering a big shop.

Reba : Mother, let's go to a bigger shop. We'll buy a lot of things.

Mrs Amin : O, you don't know. This is the biggest shop in this market.
You can easily choose from many beautiful things here.

Both Reba and Rashed tried to choose their clothes. Their parents were helping them.

Reba : Excuse me, father. I like this dress. What do you think of it?

Mr Amin : Beautiful! You've chosen the best set for you. But it seems smaller than your size. (To the shopkeeper) Do you have a larger size of this set?

Shopkeeper : Of course, we have the largest stock in this market. You can have as many sizes as you want.

Mr Amin : Thank you.

Rashed : Look, mother. I've got a very good set for me.

Mrs Amin : Please let me see. O, yes! your choice is really excellent.

Mr Amin : My dear son, you are the youngest of all. You'll surely get the best thing of your choice. What else do you like?

Both Reba and Rashed showed their father the things of their choice. Mr Amin bought the clothes. They were highly pleased with the shopping. Mrs Amin bought a toy gun for Rashed and a set of cosmetics for Reba. They liked the things most.

Mr and Mrs Amin then bought clothes for themselves. They were as pleased as their children. They returned home most joyfully. Mr Amin thought himself the happiest man in his society.



C

Note the following words and expressions.

Eid festival	: ঈদ উৎসব	enter	: প্রবেশ করা
choose	: পছন্দ করা	stock	: মজুদ
excellent	: চমৎকার	of your choice	: তোমার পছন্দের
cosmetics	: প্রসাধন সামগ্রী	the happiest man:	সবচেয়ে সুখী ব্যক্তি



D

Answer the following questions first orally and then in writing.

- 1 Where did Mr Amin and his family go?
- 2 What did Reba choose for herself?
- 3 Who was the youngest of all?
- 4 Which things did Reba and Rashed like most?
- 5 Who thought himself the happiest man?



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Read and note.

- 1 Dhaka is *the biggest* city in Bangladesh.
- 2 Chittagong is *the greatest* port in Bangladesh.
- 3 The elephant is *the largest* animal.
- 4 The Tajmahal is *the most beautiful* tomb in the world.
- 5 The train can't run *as speedily as* the plane.
- 6 Sylhet is not *as big as* Dhaka.



Now complete the following :

- 1 The Meghna is the river in Bangladesh. (wide)
- 2 Rafiq is the boy in the class. (tall)
- 3 The rose is the flower. (beautiful)
- 4 Barishal is not as as Dhaka. (busy)
- 5 Mr Amin is the man in his society. (happy)
- 6 Cox's Bazar is the place in our country. (attractive)
- 7 The tiger is as as the lion. (dangerous)
- 8 Karim is the man in the village. (poor)
- 9 The elephant can't run as as the horse. (fast)
- 10 Hena is the girl in the class. (intelligent)

Revision and Test

LESSON

4



A

Look at the picture and read the passage given after it; then answer the questions that follow.



Better Late than Never

Shaheen, Dolon and Dipu are friends. Dipu is young and intelligent. He is taller than Shaheen. Dolon is as intelligent as Dipu but he is smaller than Shaheen. Shaheen is brilliant and everybody thinks he is the most intelligent boy in the class. One day the three friends went to a shop. Dolon wanted to buy some new year's greeting cards. He said, "Dipu, please choose some cards for me. I have to send them to my relatives. I think your choice is better than mine." Dipu was surprised. He said, "I don't understand why you are buying them now. The new year's day is already over."

"Better late than never" — replied Shaheen with a smile.



B

Answer the following questions first orally and then in writing.

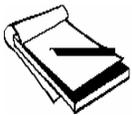
- 1 Who is the tallest boy – Shaheen, Dolon or Dipu?
- 2 Who is the most intelligent boy in the class?
- 3 Who is the smallest in size?
- 4 Why did Dolon want to buy some new year's greeting cards?
- 5 Why was Dipu surprised?



C

Read and note.

- 1 The train is longer than the bus.
- 2 The deer can run more speedily than the camel.
- 3 Chittagong is farther than Comilla from Dhaka.
- 4 The national Garden at Joydevpur is the most suitable place for a picnic.
- 5 The fox is the most cunning animal.



Now complete the following :

- 1 The Bhairab Bridge is than the Ghorasal Bridge. (long)
- 2 Rekha can't walk as as Rashed. (fast)
- 3 This is the sight, I see. (pleasant)
- 4 Pabna is not than Chittagong. (busy)
- 5 Hasan is the boy in the class. (good)
- 6 Kalam works than his brother. (carefully)
- 7 Ahsan is the boy in this village. (clever)



D

Answer the following questions about yourself.

- 1 Who is your best friend?
- 2 Why do you like him/her most?
- 3 Is he/she taller than you?
- 4 Is he/she more intelligent than you?
- 5 Which is farther from your house – the local bazar or your tutorial centre?
- 6 Can you read as fluently as the regular students?

KEY LESSON : 1**A**

- 1 There are three animals in the picture.
- 2 The monkey is weighing something with scales.
- 3 The rats are looking at the scales.

D

- 1 Rashed is younger than Reba.
- 2 No, he is not.
- 3 Mrs Amin told the story to Reba and Rashed.
- 4 Each rat wanted the bigger share of the cake.
- 5 The monkey was wiser than the rats.
- 6 Mrs Amin told the story to her children because she wanted to advise them not to quarrel.

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| 1 wider | 2 stronger | 3 happier | 4 busier |
| 5 bolder | 6 nicer | 7 faster | 8 thinner |
| 9 fatter | 10 lazier | | |

F

- 1 The horse is smaller than the elephant.
- 2 The Padma is wider than the Karnafuly.
- 3 Reba is taller than Rashed.
- 4 Beef is cheaper than mutton.
- 5 Dhaka is greater than Rajshahi.
- 6 Walking is easier than swimming.

KEY LESSON : 2**A**

- 1 The picture is about a zoo.
- 2 The children are looking at the animals.
- 3 I can see a tiger, a lion and some birds in the picture.

D

- 1 Reba and Rashed visited the zoo.
- 2 Rashed thought that the lake view was more charming than the land view of the zoo.
- 3 The elephant is larger than other animals.
- 4 Mrs Amin was more tired than the children.

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| (1) More quickly | (2) more costly |
| (3) more difficult | (4) more/less attentive |

- (5) more/less polite (6) more dutiful
 (7) more careful (8) more/less hopeful



Reba and Rashed went to visit the zoo with their parents. Reba liked the peacock but Rashed thought the lake view of the zoo was more charming than the land view. They also saw the tiger, the lion and the elephant. They found that the elephant was larger than any other animal in the zoo.

LESSON : 3



- 1 It is a shopping centre.
- 2 The people are busy in shopping. Some people are entering the market.



- 1 Mr Amin and his family went to the biggest shop in the market.
- 2 Reba chose a beautiful set of clothes for herself.
- 3 Rashed was the youngest of all.
- 4 Rashed and Reba liked the toy gun and the set of cosmetics most.
- 5 Mr Amin thought himself the happiest man.



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| 1 Widest | 2 tallest | 3 most beautiful |
| 4 busy | 5 happiest | 6 most attractive |
| 7 dangerous | 8 poorest | 9 fast 10 most intelligent |



LESSON : 4



- 1 Dipu is the tallest boy.
- 2 Shaheen is the most intelligent boy in the class.
- 3 Dolon is the smallest in size.
- 4 Dolon wanted to buy some new year's greeting cards because he wanted to send them to his relatives.
- 5 Dipu was surprised because the new year's day was already over.



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| 1 longer | 2 fast |
| 3 most pleasant | 4 busier |
| 5 best | 6 more carefully 7 cleverest |



Try to answer the questions by yourself. Use your personal information and show your answer to your tutor.

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