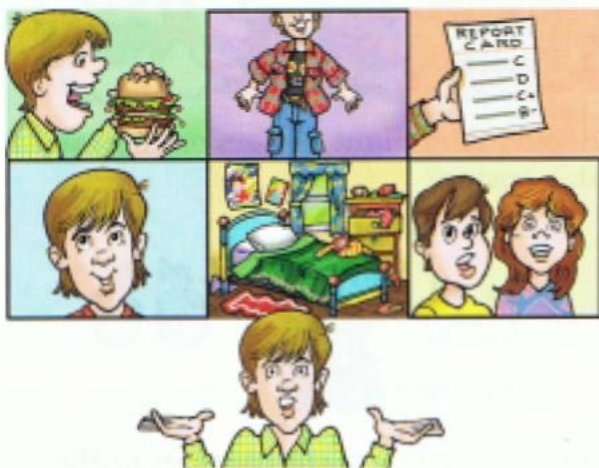


## READING



### IT ISN'T EASY BEING A TEENAGER

I try to be a good son, but no matter how hard I try, my parents never seem to be satisfied. They think I should be a better\* son. They think I should eat healthier food, I should wear nicer clothes, and I should get better grades. And according to them, my hair should be shorter, my room should be neater, and my friends should be more polite when they come to visit.

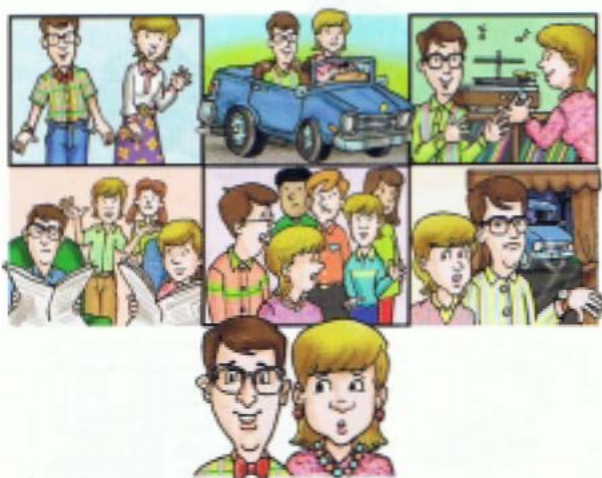
You know . . . it isn't easy being a teenager.

### IT ISN'T EASY BEING PARENTS

We try to be good parents, but no matter how hard we try, our children never seem to be satisfied. They think we should be better parents. They think we should wear more fashionable clothes, we should drive a newer car, and we should listen to more interesting music. And according to them, we should be more sympathetic when they talk about their problems, we should be friendlier when their friends come to visit, and we should be more understanding when they come home late on Saturday night.

You know . . . it isn't easy being parents.

\* good - better



## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

### WHAT'S THE WORD?

According to this boy's parents, he doesn't eat healthy<sup>1</sup> food, he doesn't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> clothes, he doesn't get \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> grades, his hair isn't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, and his friends aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> when they come to visit.

According to their children, these parents don't wear \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> clothes, they don't have a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> car, they don't listen to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> music, and they aren't \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> when their children's friends come to visit.

## LISTENING

Listen and choose what the people are talking about.

- |             |              |                    |              |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. a. TV    | b. printer   | 4. a. offices      | b. friends   |
| 2. a. chair | b. recipe    | 5. a. neighborhood | b. briefcase |
| 3. a. hair  | b. apartment | 6. a. rug          | b. computer  |

# Don't Be Ridiculous!

my – mine      our – ours  
 his – his      your – yours  
 her – hers      their – theirs



- A. You know, my dog isn't as friendly as your dog.
- B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours is MUCH friendlier than mine.



- A. You know, my novels aren't as interesting as Ernest Hemingway's novels.
- B. Don't be ridiculous! Yours are MUCH more interesting than his.



- 1. my apartment
- your apartment



- 2. my computer
- Bob's computer



- 3. my boss
- your boss



- 4. my furniture
- your furniture



- 5. my house
- the Jacksons' house



- 6. my pronunciation
- Maria's pronunciation



- 7. my garden
- your garden

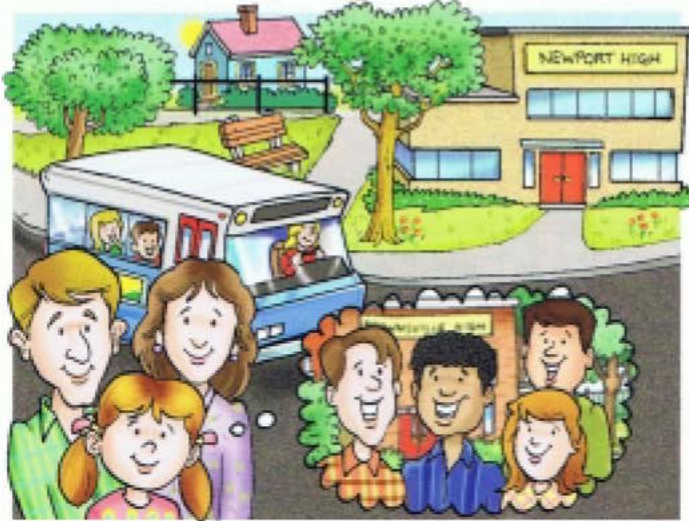
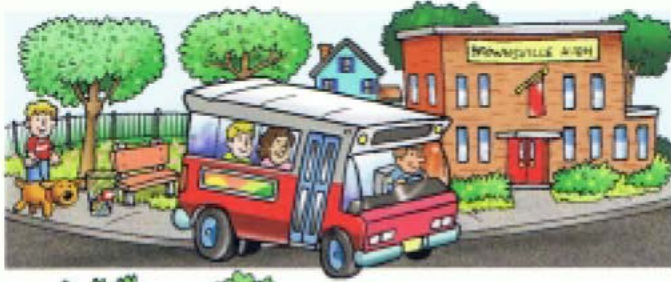


- 8. my recipe for fruitcake
- Stanley's recipe for fruitcake



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**BROWNSVILLE**

The Taylor family lived in Brownsville for many years. And for many years, Brownsville was a very good place to live. The streets were clean, the parks were safe, the bus system was reliable, and the schools were good.

But Brownsville changed. Today the streets aren't as clean as they used to be. The parks aren't as safe as they used to be. The bus system isn't as reliable as it used to be. And the schools aren't as good as they used to be.

Because of the changes in Brownsville, the Taylor family moved to Newport last year. In Newport the streets are cleaner, the parks are safer, the bus system is more reliable, and the schools are better. The Taylors are happy in Newport, but they were happier in Brownsville. Although Newport has cleaner streets, safer parks, a more reliable bus system, and better schools, Brownsville has friendlier people. They're nicer, more polite, and more hospitable than the people in Newport.

The Taylors miss Brownsville. Even though they're now living in Newport, Brownsville will always be their real home.

✓ **READING CHECK-UP**

**Q & A**

The people of Brownsville are calling Mayor Brown's radio talk show. They're upset about Brownsville's streets, parks, bus system, and schools. Using this model and the story, call Mayor Brown.

- A. This is Mayor Brown. You're on the air.
- B. Mayor Brown, I'm very upset about the streets here in Brownsville.
- A. Why do you say that?
- B. They aren't as clean as they used to be.
- A. Do you really think so?
- B. Definitely! You know . . . they say the streets in Newport are cleaner.
- A. I'll see what I can do. Thank you for calling.



## How to Say It!

### Agreeing & Disagreeing



A. { I think . . .  
In my opinion, . . .



B. { I agree.  
I agree with you.  
I think so, too.



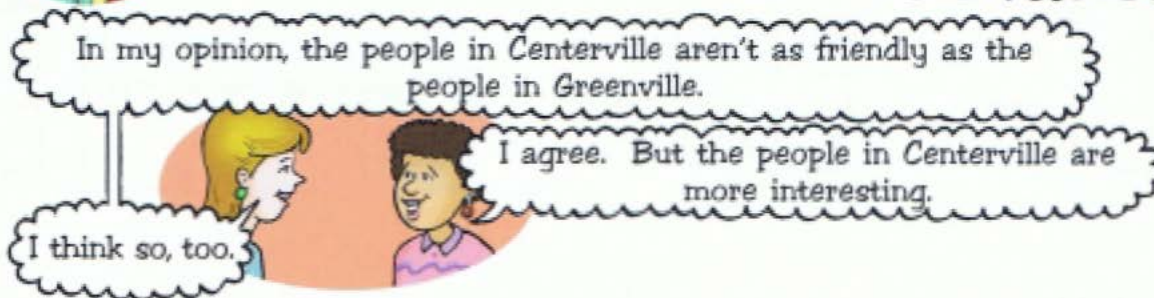
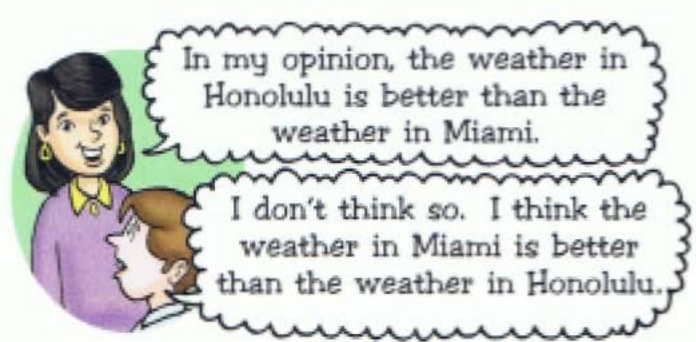
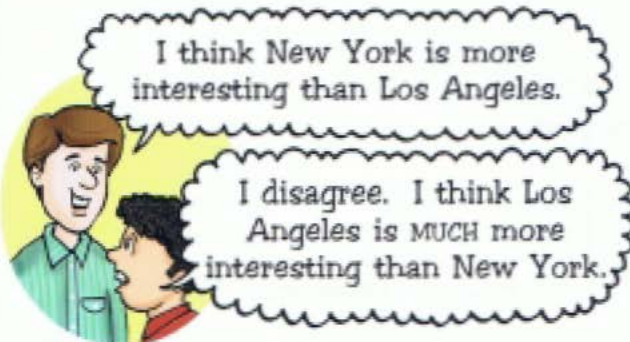
C. { I disagree.  
I disagree with you.  
I don't think so.

Practice interactions on this page, using these expressions for agreeing and disagreeing.

## INTERACTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_er } than  
more \_\_\_\_\_

as \_\_\_\_\_ as  
not as \_\_\_\_\_ as



Practice conversations with other students. Compare different places you know. Talk about . . .

the streets (*quiet, safe, clean, wide, busy*)

the buildings (*tall, modern, attractive*)

the weather (*cold, cool, warm, hot, rainy, snowy*)

the people (*friendly, nice, polite, honest, happy, hospitable, talkative, healthy*)

the city in general (*large, interesting, exciting, expensive*)



## PRONUNCIATION Yes / No Questions with or

Listen. Then say it.

Should I buy a bicycle or a motorcycle?

Should we buy this fan or that fan?

Should he go out with Ellen or Helen?

Should she buy fur gloves or leather gloves?

Say it. Then listen.

Should they plant flowers or vegetables?

Should she buy these earrings or those earrings?

Should I hire Ms. Carter or Mr. Price?

Should I buy a notebook computer or a desktop computer?



In your journal, compare your home town and the place you live now. Or compare any two places you know.



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

### GRAMMAR

#### COMPARATIVES

My new apartment is	colder larger bigger prettier	than my old apartment.
	more comfortable more attractive	

#### SHOULD

Should	I he she it we you they	study?	I He She It We You They	should study.

#### POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

This dog is much friendlier than	mine. his. hers. ours. yours. theirs.

### KEY VOCABULARY

#### DESCRIBING

attractive	comfortable	fashionable	hospitable	neat	reliable	sympathetic
beautiful	convenient	fast	hot	new	safe	talented
big	cool	friendly	intelligent	nice	short	talkative
busy	cute	good-better	interesting	polite	small	tall
capable	delicious	handsome	large	powerful	smart	understanding
cheap	exciting	happy	lazy	pretty	snowy	useful
clean	expensive	healthy	light	quiet	soft	warm
cold	fancy	honest	modern	rainy	spicy	wide