



**Blackburn with Darwen**

# ADULT LEARNING

## E3 Reading and Writing - Comparing places

Mehmet wrote a short text comparing life in Istanbul and in Bristol.

I like living in Bristol. It's an interesting city but it's so much smaller and quieter than my city. It's really taking me time to get used to it. Istanbul is a much more chaotic place. There is always the noise of traffic, the sound of car horns and people calling to each other and the crowds in the bazaars. Both cities are ports, but again, in Bristol the port is much smaller than in my city. I do like being near the water though. I often go down to the quayside and watch the boats. In both cities it's easy to get out to the coast, but I think the coastline is much more beautiful near Istanbul. People told me it was always cold and wet in England but in fact the winter here in Bristol is often warmer than in Istanbul. I like that. I'm not looking forward to the summer in England though. It is definitely much colder than in my country.

### Activity A – Reading: comparing places

Underline the sentences or phrases in the text where Mehmet compares two places.  
Give 5 examples of comparatives used in the text.

### Activity B - Proof-reading

Here are some sentences Mehmet didn't use in his letter. Find the mistakes and correct them. There is one in each sentence.

- a. Istanbul is bigger Bristol.
- b. I like the wether in winter.
- c. Bristol have more supermarkets than Istanbul.
- d. We sometimes go swimming.

### Activity C - Writing: comparing places

Choose two different places you have lived in or know something about.

1 Make a list of things which are similar and things which are different. Use these ideas to help you.

History    traffic    buildings    position    weather    noise