

Lesson 2



Things to do

Track 06

Anja has prepared herself well for her trip to the USA. She has read her guidebook, browsed the Internet and made a good note of everything. Now she has to call a travel agency.

Anja: Hello, my name is Anja. Can you help me book a rental car in the USA?

Lady: You've come to the right place. We are specialists for the USA and can help you with all your questions. When do you need your rental car? Would you like to have collection and return at the same place? What size vehicle do you need? Automatic or manual? Or would you like a convertible?

Anja: A convertible? What a good idea! I can surprise my husband.

Lady: I have a great offer here. An automatic convertible for 7 days including full insurance for only 210 dollars. The car can be picked up with a full tank at Las Vegas airport. Will both you and your husband be drivers?

Anja: Yes. My name is Anja Braun and my husband's name is John Clifton.

Lady: Thank you. Your husband's name sounds English but yours doesn't.

Anja: I'm German and he's American.

Lady: Really? How did you both meet? I'm sure you have an interesting story. Anyway, back to your booking. For Manhattan I would recommend a hotel. We have a special offer near Times Square which unusually includes breakfast. Most hotels only offer an overpriced breakfast at additional cost. I just need to get some details from you...

After Anja has given the curious, but competent lady all the information she needs, she is very satisfied with herself. She can hardly wait to see John's face when they pick up the convertible!

Let's talk about...



Good to know

Comparatives and Superlatives

Both comparatives and superlatives are forms of adjectives. **Comparatives** are used for comparing.

Superlatives describe the greatest degree of an adjective:

Adjective: He is a tall man.

Adjective: He is as tall as his brother.

Comparatives: He is **taller** than his sister. Superlative: He is the **tallest**.

Some forms of the adjective are irregular: Adjectives with 3 or more syllables don't use -er or -est:

good, **better**, **the best** bad, **worse**, **the worst** beautiful, **more** beautiful, **the most** beautiful

much, **more**, **the most** little, **less**, **the least** complicated, **more** complicated, **the most** complicated

To do list – help Anja

Anja has a lot to do. What suggestions can you make to help her?

To do!

Ideas?

1 Accommodation in Manhattan

Hotel or apartment?

2 Rental car –

Manual or automatic?

3 Presents for Rosie, Steve, Kate...

What fits in my suitcase? What

is allowed? What is typical German?

4 Visa – what information do I need?

5 New camera – how big?

How expensive? Smartphone?

talk, talk, talk

What preparations is Anja making? What questions does she have for the travel agent? How does the travel agent help her? What questions does the travel agent have for Anja? Is the travel agent able to help Anja? Why is the travel agent curious about Anja and John?

Do you always use a travel agent for booking holidays? Do you ever book online? Where do you get recommendations about hotels from? Friends, family, online reviews? Do you ever surprise your partner?