

1 It was better than I thought. 2020 Spring Level 1

What was something that was better than you thought?

A) Last weekend, I went to see a movie. My friend told me about it. I was **moved** and **inspired** by the movie. **It was better than I thought.** I often see movies but this movie was the best one this year. **I'm glad** my friend recommended it to me.

What was something that was not as good as you thought?

B) I just went to a restaurant. **It was supposed to be** good but it was **not as good as I thought.** Some people say they have really good seafood but when I tried it **I didn't think it was so good.** I was not impressed. Actually, there's a better restaurant called Shun. I like it much better.

Main Grammar Point

比較級 + than I (thought / expected)	
It was better than I thought.	思ったより良かった。
*It was more expensive than I expected.	思ったより高かった。
not as good as I (thought / expected).	
It was not as good as I thought.	思ったほどよくなかった。
It was not as good as I expected.	期待していたほどよくなかった。
It was supposed to be..	
It was supposed to be good.	良いはずだった。
I didn't think.....	
I didn't think it was so good.	そんなにいいと思わなかった。

他の表現

I was moved and inspired.	感動した、やる気が出た。
I'm glad my friend recommended it to me.	友達に勧めてもらえて良かった。
Actually, there's a better place.	実は、よりいいところがあります。
It's much better.	ずっといいとです。

空欄の中に適切な言葉を下の言葉から選びましょう。

1. It was _____ I thought.
2. I'm _____ I went there.
3. It was _____ good but actually it was not.
4. It was _____ I thought.
5. I _____ it was good.

didn't think / better than / not as good as / glad / supposed to be

Conversation questions:

What was something that was better than you thought?

What was something that was not as good as you thought?

2 I like it better. 2020 Spring Level 1

Which do you like better Meieki or Sakae?

Between Meieki and Sakae, I like Sakae better. Sakae is easier to **get around**. I think Meieki is really **confusing**. **I can never** find the places I want to go. Sakae has straight roads so it's easy to find things. **Actually**, Meieki has more stores than Sakae. **But still, I prefer** Sakae **over** Meieki.

Which do you like better Starbucks and Cafe De Crie?

Between Starbucks and Cafe De Crie, I like **neither** places. I **prefer going** to my local cafe in my neighborhood. I think it's more relaxing. **Most of my neighbors** go there so I enjoy talking to them. **Actually**, major cafes are everywhere so it's more convenient. **But still, I prefer** my local cafe **over** other cafes.

Main Grammar Point

Between A and B,	
Between Meieki and Sakae, I like Sakae better.	名駅と栄の間では、栄の方が好き。
prefer A over B	
I prefer my local cafe over other cafes.	他のカフェより近所のカフェを好む。
Neither places / both places	
I like neither places.	どちらも好きではない。
*I like both places.	どちらも好き。
Actually,	
Actually, Meieki has more stores.	実は名駅の方がお店が多いです。
But still / prefer A over B	
But still,	それでも、名駅より栄を好む。
But still, I prefer my local cafe over other cafes.	それでも、他のカフェより近所のカフェを好む。

他の表現

Sakae is easier to get around.	栄の方が移動が簡単。
Meieki is confusing.	名駅は分かりにくい。
I can never find the places I want to go.	行きたいところに行けない。
I prefer going there.	そこに行く方がいい。
Most of my neighbors go there.	ほとんどの隣人がそこに行く。

空欄の中に適切な言葉を下の言葉から選びましょう。

1. _____ Docomo and Softbank, I like Softbank better.
2. Sakae is easy to _____.
3. I like _____ Starbucks or Doutor.
4. _____, Starbucks is everywhere.
5. _____, I prefer going to my local cafe over other ones.

But still / neither / actually / get around / Between

Conversation questions:

Which do you like better?

McDonald or Mos Burger?

Docomo or Softbank?

Starbucks or Cafe De Crie?

Parco or Mitsukoshi?

Tokyo or Kyoto?

Seven Eleven or Family Mart?

Toyota or Nissan?

ANA or JAL?

Hotels or Japanese Inn?

Saturday or Sunday?

Staying home or Going out?

Watching movies at home or at a theater?