

Comparatives

What is a noun? A person, an animal, a place, a thing or a topic.

What is an adjective? An adjective is a word that gives more information about a noun.

Eg *The fast car.* (the adjective is "fast")

Comparatives: Comparatives adjectives are used to compare nouns.

For example: Tom is taller than James. (Tom & James = noun taller = comparative adjective)

Comparatives

When there is a 1 syllable adjective add "er + than"

tall = taller than

big = bigger than (*Note: When we have consonant + vowel + consonant we double the consonant*)

A giraffe is taller than an elephant.

An elephant is bigger than a mouse.

When there are two or more syllables add "more (adjective) than"

more intelligent than

more expensive than

Humans are more intelligent than horses.

Some cars are more expensive than houses!

When there are two syllables with "y" at the end of the word, replace the "y" with "ier + than"

pretty = prettier than

happy = happier than

Do you think Jane is prettier than me?

Spot is happier than all of the other dogs. He is always wagging his tale.

Irregulars

Good = better than

Bad = worse than



1. Think of some adjectives with your teacher and check the rules!



2. Fill out the comparative form of the adjectives below:

loud	<i>Louder than</i>	rich	<i>Richer than</i>
tiny	<i>Tinier than</i>	relaxed	<i>More relaxed than</i>
shy	<i>Shyer than</i>	selfish	<i>More selfish than</i>
happy	<i>Happier than</i>	silly	<i>Sillier than</i>
sour	<i>More sour than</i>	spoiled	<i>More spoiled than</i>
sweet	<i>Sweeter than</i>	young	<i>Younger than</i>
poor	<i>Poorer than</i>	modern	<i>More modern than</i>
aggressive	<i>More aggressive than</i>	expensive	<i>More expensive than</i>
good	<i>Better than</i>	bad	<i>Worse than</i>



3. Fill in the gaps with the comparative form of the adjectives:

- Peter is *taller* (tall) *than* Jack.
- My house is *older* (old) *than* Jane's.
- Her hair is *longer* (long) *than* Melissa's.
- Switzerland is *more expensive* (expensive) *than* Spain.
- I am *more intelligent* (intelligent) *than* you.
- Jeff is *richer* (rich) *than* Bill.



4. Fill in the gaps below then answer the questions with your partner:

- Is an orange *heavier* (heavy) *than* a pineapple?
- Is a car *more expensive* (expensive) *than* a house?
- Is your city *bigger* (big) *than* Paris?
- Is watching TV *more boring* (boring) *than* reading?
- Are dogs *friendlier* (friendly) *than* cats?
- Is coffee *healthier* (healthy) *than* tea?



5. Make as many comparative sentences as you can about the pictures below:

1A	1B
	
2A	2B
	
3A	3B
	
4A	4B
	

Quiz: True or False?

1. A kilo of sugar is heavier than a kilo of chocolate. *FALSE*
2. France is bigger than Germany. *TRUE*
3. A moose is taller than a brown bear. *FALSE*
4. April is longer than March. *FALSE*
5. Big Ben is taller than the Eiffel Tower. *FALSE*
6. Saturn is closer to Earth than Jupiter. *FALSE*
7. Australia is bigger than India. *TRUE*
8. Athens is older than Rome. *TRUE*
9. An ostrich is faster than a jaguar. *FALSE*
10. A hippo has bigger teeth than a lion. *TRUE*



6. Now work in pairs or in a group and create your own true or false quiz to play in class:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____