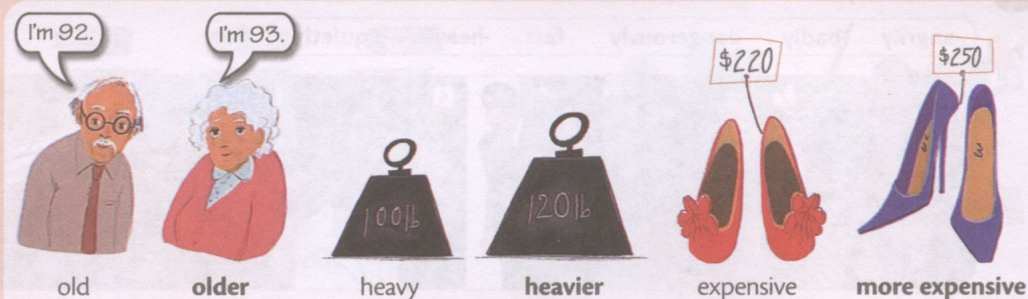


A



Older / heavier / more expensive are comparative forms.
The comparative is **-er (older)** or **more ... (more expensive)**.

B

older / heavier, etc.

Short words (1 syllable) → **-er**:

old → **older**

slow → **slower**

cheap → **cheaper**

nice → **nicer**

late → **later**

big → **bigger**

For spelling, see Appendix 5: big → bigger hot → hotter thin → thinner

Words ending in **-y** → **-ier**:

easy → **easier**

heavy → **heavier**

early → **earlier**

- ☐ Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- ☐ Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- ☐ Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- ☐ This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- ☐ Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

far → **farther**:

- ☐ A: How far is it to the station? A mile?
- ☐ B: No, it's **farther**. About two miles.

C

more ...

Long words (2/3/4 syllables) → **more ...**:

careful → **more careful**

polite → **more polite**

expensive → **more expensive**

interesting → **more interesting**

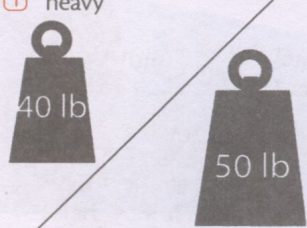

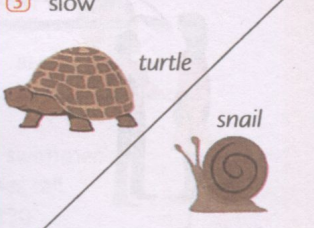
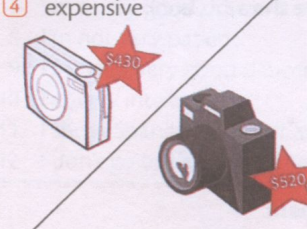
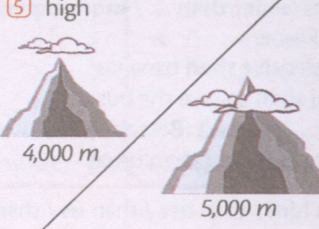

- ☐ You should be **more careful**.
- ☐ I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- ☐ Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

D

good / well → **better** **bad** → **worse**

- ☐ The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- ☐ "Do you feel **better** today?" "No, I feel **worse**."
- ☐ Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

85.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (**older / more interesting**, etc.).

<p>① heavy</p>  <p>..... heavier.....</p>	<p>② big</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>③ slow</p>  <p>.....</p>
<p>④ expensive</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>⑤ high</p>  <p>.....</p>	<p>⑥ dangerous</p>  <p>.....</p>

85.2 Write the comparative.

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1 old older | 6 good |
| 2 strong | 7 large |
| 3 happy | 8 serious |
| 4 modern | 9 pretty |
| 5 important | 10 crowded |

85.3 Write the opposite.

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 younger older | 4 better |
| 2 colder | 5 nearer |
| 3 cheaper | 6 easier |

85.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- Allison's car isn't very big. She wants a **bigger** one.
- My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- You're not very tall. Your brother is
- David doesn't work very hard. I work
- My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is
- Your idea isn't very good. My idea is
- These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are
- My suitcase isn't very heavy. Your suitcase is
- I'm not very interested in art. I'm in history.
- It isn't very warm today. It was yesterday.
- These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted
- Peru isn't very big. Brazil is
- Los Angeles isn't very beautiful. San Francisco is
- This knife isn't very sharp. Do you have a one?
- People today aren't very polite. In the past they were
- The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much