

older than ... more expensive than ...



She's **taller** than him.

| Hotel Prices (per room per night) | |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Capitol Hotel | \$375 |
| Grand Hotel | \$160 |
| Western Hotel | \$185 |
| Hotel | \$220 |

The Capitol Hotel is **more expensive** than the Grand Hotel.

We use **than** after comparatives (**older than ... / more expensive than ...**, etc.):

- ☐ Athens is **older than** Rome.
- ☐ Are oranges **more expensive than** bananas?
- ☐ It's easier to take a taxi **than** to take the bus.
- ☐ "How are you today?" "Not bad. **Better than** yesterday."
- ☐ The restaurant is **more crowded than** usual.

B

We usually say: **than me / than him / than her / than us / than them.**

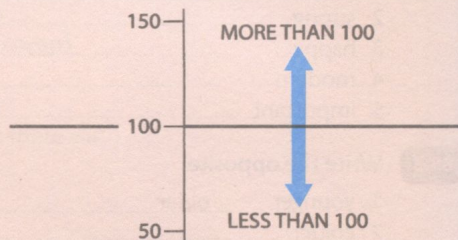
You can say:

- ☐ I can run faster **than him**. or I can run faster **than he can**.
- ☐ You are a better singer **than me**. or You are a better singer **than I am**.
- ☐ I got up earlier **than her**. or I got up earlier **than she did**.

C

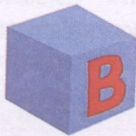
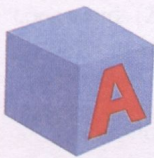
more / less than ...

- ☐ A: How much did your shoes cost? \$100?
- ☐ B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** \$100)
- ☐ The movie was very short – **less than** an hour.
- ☐ They have **more money than** they need.
- ☐ You go out **more than** me.

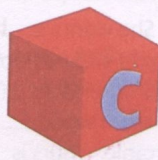


D

a little older / much older, etc.



Box A is **a little bigger** than Box B.



Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

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| a little much | bigger | than ... |
| | older | |
| | better | |
| | more difficult | |
| | more expensive | |

- ☐ Canada is **much bigger** than France.
- ☐ Sue is a **little older** than Josh – she's 25 and he's 24.
- ☐ The hotel was **much more expensive** than I expected.
- ☐ You go out **much more** than me.

86.1 Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use **than**.



LIZ

- 1 I'm 26.
- 2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 5 feet 10 inches tall.
- 4 I start work at 8:00.
- 5 I don't work very hard.
- 6 I don't have much money.
- 7 I'm a very good driver.
- 8 I'm not very patient.
- 9 I'm not a very good dancer.
- 10 I'm very intelligent.
- 11 I speak Spanish very well.
- 12 I don't go to the movies very much.



BEN

- 1 I'm 24.
- 2 I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 5 feet 8 inches tall.
- 4 I start work at 8:30.
- 5 I work very hard.
- 6 I have a lot of money.
- 7 I'm not a very good driver.
- 8 I'm very patient.
- 9 I'm a good dancer.
- 10 I'm not very intelligent.
- 11 I don't speak Spanish very well.
- 12 I go to the movies a lot.

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|---|------------------|
| 1 Liz <u>is older than Ben</u> . | 7 Liz is a |
| 2 Ben <u>is a better swimmer than Liz</u> . | 8 Ben |
| 3 Liz is | 9 Ben |
| 4 Liz starts Ben. | 10 Liz |
| 5 Ben | 11 Liz |
| 6 Ben has | 12 Ben |

86.2 Complete the sentences. Use **than**.

- 1 He isn't very tall. You're taller than him or taller than he is.
- 2 She isn't very old. You're
- 3 I don't work very hard. You work
- 4 He doesn't watch TV very much. You
- 5 I'm not a very good cook. You
- 6 We don't know many people. You
- 7 They don't have much money. You
- 8 I can't run very fast. You can
- 9 She hasn't been here very long. You
- 10 They didn't get up very early. You
- 11 He wasn't very surprised. You

86.3 Complete the sentences with **a little** or **much** + comparative (**older/better**, etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Joe is $24\frac{1}{2}$.
Emma is a little older than Joe.
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.
Jack's mother
- 3 My camera cost \$150. Yours cost \$145.
My camera
- 4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.
I feel
- 5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees Celsius. Yesterday it was 10 degrees Celsius.
It's
- 6 Sarah is an excellent volleyball player. I'm not very good.
Sarah