

older than ... more expensive than ...

A



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**.

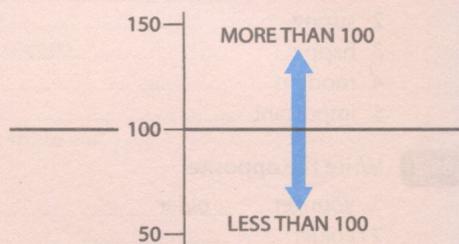
You can say:

- 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**.

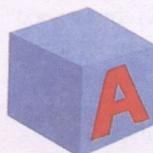
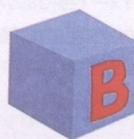
C

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.

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

- 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.

Exercises

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.

1 Liz **is older than Ben**2 Ben **is a better swimmer than Liz**

3 Liz is

4 Liz starts Ben.

5 Ben

6 Ben has

7 Liz is a

8 Ben

9 Ben

10 Liz

11 Liz

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^{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