

15 Making comparisons

A comparative adjective is used to describe the difference between two nouns. Use it before the word "than" to compare people, places, or things.

-  **New language** Comparative adjectives
-  **Vocabulary** Travel and countries
-  **New skill** Comparing things

15.1 KEY LANGUAGE COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

For most adjectives with one or two syllables, add "er" to make the comparative.

Greece is warm.



Greece is warmer than France.

Add "er" to make the comparative.

Use "than" after the comparative adjective.



15.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES



Ahmed is **taller than** Jonathan.



A plane is **faster than** a train.



5°F is **colder than** 85°F.



Sanjay is **younger than** Tina.



15.3 KEY LANGUAGE FORMING COMPARATIVES

There are special rules for adjectives ending in "e," "y," and with a single consonant.



fast



faster

Add "er" to most adjectives of one or two syllables.



close

If the adjective ends in "e," just add "r."



early

For some adjectives ending in "y," take off the "y" and add "ier."



big



bigger

For single-syllable adjectives ending consonant-vowel-consonant, double the final letter and add "er."





15.4 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES



The red suitcase is bigger than the blue suitcase.



1 An is larger than a .



2 o'clock is earlier than o'clock.



3 is colder than .



4 A is smaller than a .

red seven coffee mouse blue three cat elephant ice cream lion



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15.5 FIND NINE COMPARATIVES IN THE GRID AND WRITE THEM NEXT TO THE CORRECT ADJECTIVE

E	R	P	W	T	I	E	V	E	H	C	L
H	V	K	K	R	K	N	I	A	I	F	O
O	H	M	E	A	S	I	E	R	G	V	W
T	L	A	T	E	R	C	Y	L	H	F	E
T	Y	T	X	E	L	I	C	I	E	Q	R
E	F	L	A	R	G	E	R	E	L	T	
R	K	T	H	I	N	N	E	R	E	V	K
J	A	K	I	O	H	M	R	N	P	L	Q
G	D	H	B	C	L	O	S	E	R	E	D

thin = thinner

- 1 low = _____
- 2 high = _____
- 3 large = _____
- 4 late = _____
- 5 easy = _____
- 6 early = _____
- 7 hot = _____
- 8 close = _____

15.6 KEY LANGUAGE COMPARATIVES WITH LONG ADJECTIVES

For some two-syllable adjectives and those of three syllables or more, use "more" and "than" to make the comparative.

This beach is beautiful.

The adjective "beautiful" has three syllables, so you say "more beautiful than."



This beach is more beautiful than that one.

Use "more" before the adjective.

Use "than" after the adjective.



15.7 HOW TO FORM COMPARATIVES WITH LONG ADJECTIVES

SUBJECT + VERB

"MORE"

ADJECTIVE

"THAN"

REST OF SENTENCE

This beach is

more

beautiful

than

that one.

15.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES COMPARATIVES WITH LONG ADJECTIVES



Surfing is **more exciting than** going to the gym.



Flying is **more expensive than** traveling by car.



This book is **more interesting than** that one.



For me, science is **more difficult than** history.



15.9 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE CORRECT COMPARATIVES

This movie is really exciting. It's more exciting than the book.

- 1 The Hotel Supreme is very expensive. It's _____ the Motel Excelsior.
- 2 The physics exam is really difficult. It's _____ the biology exam.
- 3 Your dress is very beautiful. It's _____ my dress.
- 4 This TV program is really interesting. It's _____ the other ones.





15.10 FILL IN THE GAPS BY PUTTING THE ADJECTIVES INTO THEIR COMPARATIVE FORMS



The balloon is lighter than **(light)** the birthday cake.



This laptop is more expensive than **(expensive)** this phone.



Seven o'clock is later than **(late)** three o'clock.



A game of chess is more difficult than **(difficult)** a game of cards.



A horse is bigger than **(big)** a rabbit.



15.11 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Selma and Joe are deciding where to go on vacation.

Costa Rica is hotter than the Bahamas.

True False

1 The Bahamas is easier to fly to than Costa Rica.

True False

2 The Bahamas is more expensive than Costa Rica.

True False

3 Tahiti Beach is more beautiful than Playa Hermosa.

True False

4 Joe thinks the Bahamas is more exciting than Costa Rica.

True False



15.12 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORDS IN EACH SENTENCE

An elephant is **bigger / more big** than a lion.

1 Paris is **beautiful / more beautiful** than Dallas.

2 Noon is **earlier / more early** than 5pm.

3 A cheetah is **faster / more fast** than a bear.

4 Gold is **expensive / more expensive** than silver.

5 Rock is **harder / more hard** than paper.

6 Water is **warmer / more warm** than ice.

7 Skiing is **exciting / more exciting** than walking.



15 ✓ CHECKLIST

Comparative adjectives

Aa Travel and countries

Comparing things