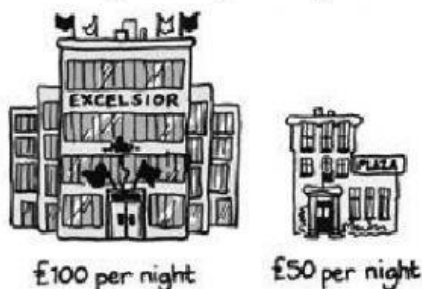


Comparative adjectives

- 1 Look at the way we compare things:



The Plaza Hotel is **cheaper** than the Excelsior.
 The Excelsior Hotel is **bigger** than the Plaza.
 The Excelsior is **more expensive** than the Plaza.
 The Plaza Hotel is **smaller** than the Excelsior.

- ◆ long adjectives (two syllables or more):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
famous	more famous
difficult	more difficult
careful	more careful
expensive	more expensive

- ◆ adjectives ending with -y:

happy	happier
hungry	hungrier

- ◆ irregular adjectives:

good	better
bad	worse

(For more information, see Appendix 4, page 245)

- 2 **Cheaper** and **more expensive** are comparative adjectives. We form them like this:

- ◆ short adjectives (one syllable):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
old	older
long	longer
nice	nicer
new	newer
slow	slower
fat	fatter
hot	hotter
big	bigger

- 3 To compare things, we use a comparative adjective + **than**:

Tom is **richer** than Paul.
 Paris is **more beautiful** than London.
 My new car is **better** than my old one.

Practice

- A Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| ◆ cold | <u>colder</u> | 13 long | _____ |
| 1 big | _____ | 14 hungry | _____ |
| 2 careful | _____ | 15 nice | _____ |
| 3 expensive | _____ | 16 happy | _____ |
| 4 good | _____ | 17 difficult | _____ |
| 5 fat | _____ | 18 old | _____ |
| 6 famous | _____ | 19 beautiful | _____ |
| 7 new | _____ | 20 friendly | _____ |
| 8 modern | _____ | 21 hot | _____ |
| 9 young | _____ | 22 wonderful | _____ |
| 10 cheap | _____ | 23 bad | _____ |
| 11 delicious | _____ | 24 small | _____ |
| 12 rich | _____ | 25 sad | _____ |

B Write comparative sentences about the pictures using *than* and the words in brackets (). Use the Present Simple.



- ◆ (be/tall) Tom is taller than Sam.
- 1 (be/cold) _____
- 2 (be/hungry) _____
- 3 (be/small) _____
- 4 (be/happy) _____
- 5 (be/young) _____
- 6 (be/rich) _____
- 7 (be/friendly) _____

C Look at the information about two boats, the Queen Anne and the King John.

BOATS	LENGTH	AREA	TOP SPEED	YEAR MADE	PRICE
Queen Anne	14 metres	40 metres ²	35 knots	2005	£9,000
King John	9 metres	23 metres ²	30 knots	1997	£3,500

Now put words from the box in the sentences.

King John (x2)	bigger	slower	is	than
Queen Anne (x2)	longer	expensive	more	

◆ The Queen Anne is bigger than the King John.

- 1 The King John is smaller _____ the Queen Anne.
- 2 The Queen Anne is _____ modern than the King John.
- 3 The King John _____ older than the Queen Anne.
- 4 The _____ is faster than the _____.
- 5 The Queen Anne is more _____ than the King John.
- 6 The King John is _____ than the Queen Anne.
- 7 The _____ is cheaper than the _____.
- 8 The Queen Anne is _____ than the King John.