Comparative adjectives

1 **Look at the way we compare things:**

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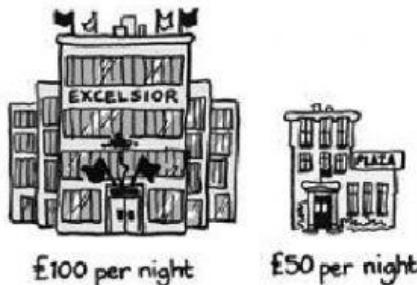
The Plaza Hotel is **cheaper** *than the Excelsior.*
The Excelsior Hotel is **bigger** *than the Plaza.*
The Excelsior is **more** *expensive* **than** *the Plaza.*
The Plaza Hotel is **smaller** *than the Excelsior.*

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

◆ 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

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.*

A   Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

❖	cold	colder	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	_____

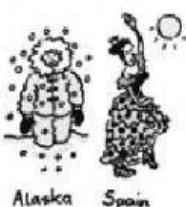**B** Write comparative sentences about the pictures using *than* and the wordsin brackets ( ). Use the Present Simple.
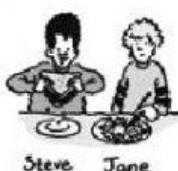
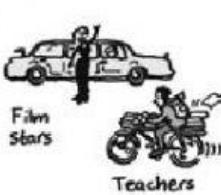| ❖	1	2	3
Tom Sam	Alaska Spain	Steve Jane	Washington New York

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Mary Mike	I My brother	Film Stars Teachers	Peter Chris
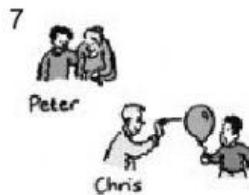
Ex (tall)   Tom is taller than Sam. _____

1 (cold) _____
2 (hungry) _____
3 (small) _____
4 (happy) _____
5 (young) _____
6 (rich) _____
7 (friendly) _____

C. Write the adjective in brackets in the Comparative form. Each item .

1. John Lennon was (OLD) _____ Paul McCartney.

2. Ecuador is (SMALL) _____ Brazil.

3. Cats are (NICE) _____ dogs.

4. Cartoons are (GOOD) _____ music programmes.

5. The Empire State is (FAMOUS) _____ the Chrysler Building.

6. Lima is (POPULOUS) _____ Buenos Aires.