

older than ... more expensive than ...

A

She's **taller than** him.

Hotel Prices (per room per night)	
Europa Hotel	£150
Grand Hotel	£130
Royal Hotel	£120
Hotel	£115

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

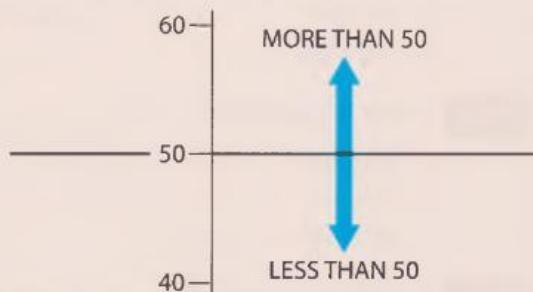
You can say:

- 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? £60?
B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £60)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They have **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.



D

a bit older / much older etc.Box A is **a bit bigger** than Box B.Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

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

Exercises

88.1 Write sentences about Kate and Ben. Use **than**.



Kate

- 1 I'm 26.
- 2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 68 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8 o'clock.
- 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 French very well.
- 12 I don't go to the cinema very much.



Ben

- 1 I'm 24.
- 2 I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 63 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 French very well.
- 12 I go to the cinema a lot.

- 1 Kate is older than Ben
- 2 Ben is a better swimmer than Kate
- 3 Kate is
- 4 Kate starts Ben.
- 5 Ben
- 6 Ben has

- 7 Kate is a
- 8 Ben
- 9 Ben
- 10 Kate
- 11 Kate
- 12 Ben

88.2 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

88.3 Complete the sentences with **a bit** or **much** + comparative (**older/better** etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Joe is $24\frac{1}{2}$.
Emma is a bit older than Joe
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.
Jack's mother
- 3 My camera cost £120. Yours cost £112.
My camera
- 4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.
I feel
- 5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 10 degrees.
It's
- 6 Sarah is an excellent tennis player. I'm not a very good player.
Sarah