Short comparative adjectives

1 16 **Read the messages and complete the sentence.**

Chloe usually [1]_____ to her house, but today Alyssa is taking the [2]_____.

Are you coming to my house tonight?
Chloe

Yes. I'm on Fifth Avenue. What's the best way?
Alyssa

The bus is usually **easier** than the subway. But I walk.
Chloe

Why?
Alyssa

It's **cheaper**!
Chloe

But it's hot in the street and it's even **hotter** in the subway. I'm taking the bus.
Alyssa

2 **Look at the bold comparative adjectives in exercise 1. Complete the chart.**

Short adjectives
+ *-er* or *-r*
cheap It's [1] cheaper !
safe The bus is **safer than** the subway.
-~~y~~ + *-ier*
lazy You're **lazier than** me!
easy The bus is usually [2]_____ than the subway.
double consonant + *-er*
big New York is **bigger than** Chicago.
hot It's even [3]_____ in the subway.
We can compare two things using *than*. The subway is **faster than** the bus.

3 **Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives. Add *than* if necessary.**

1 **A** The math test was harder than (hard) the science test.
B No way, I thought it was easier (easy)!

2 His hair is _____ (dark) hers, but hers is _____ (long).

3 **A** Today is _____ (cloudy) yesterday.
B Yeah. Where did the summer go? It was much _____ (sunny) yesterday!

4 **A** Your uncle is _____ (friendly) your aunt.
B He's _____ (funny), too!

4 **Write sentences comparing the two motorcycles. Use *than*.**

Sports motorcycle

Chopper motorcycle

	Sports motorcycle	Chopper motorcycle
size <—>	1.4 m	1.9 m
speed	267 km/h	183 km/h
noise (dB)	65 dB	90 dB
year	2016	1995
price	$11,699	$19,005

1 (big) The chopper motorcycle is bigger than the sports motorcycle.

2 (small) The sports motorcycle is smaller than the chopper motorcycle.

3 (fast) _____

4 (noisy) _____

5 (old) _____

6 (cheap) _____

Your turn

5 **Write true comparative sentences with *than*.**

1 (short) I or me / my best friend
I am shorter than my best friend. / My best friend is shorter than me.

2 (old) my mom / my dad
_____

3 (tall) my mom / my dad
_____

4 (young) I or me / my best friend
_____

5 (shy) I or me / my friends
_____

6 (easy) science / art
_____

6 **Write five more true comparative sentences.**
My best friend is smarter than me!

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