

## Grammar Station



## Adjectives: Comparatives

- ★ We use **comparative adjectives** to compare two people or things.
- ★ We add **-er** or **more** to adjectives to make comparatives.
- ★ We also put **than** after comparatives.

|                                            |                        | Adjective                         | Comparative                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| most adjectives                            | + -er                  | old<br>young<br>cheap             | older<br>younger<br>cheaper                      |
| adjectives ending in -e                    | + -r                   | large<br>nice<br>wide             | larger<br>nicer<br>wider                         |
| adjectives ending in a vowel + a consonant | double consonant + -er | big<br>hot<br>thin                | bigger<br>hotter<br>thinner                      |
| adjectives ending in -y                    | y + -ier               | happy<br>heavy<br>busy            | happier<br>heavier<br>busier                     |
| adjectives with two or more syllables      | more +                 | exciting<br>handsome<br>expensive | more exciting<br>more handsome<br>more expensive |
| irregular                                  |                        | good<br>bad                       | better<br>worse                                  |



The tower is **taller than** the building.  
The building is **shorter than** the tower.



Science is **easier than** math.  
Math is **more difficult than** science.

★ Circle the correct comparatives.

1. larger / largeer
2. hotter / more hotter
3. more good / better
4. beautifuler / more beautiful
5. expensive / more expensive
6. badder / worse

**A Circle the correct words.**

1. My younger brother is ( strong / stronger ) than I am.
2. Is English ( more difficult / more difficulter ) than Spanish?
3. The green sweater is ( good / better ) than the gray one.
4. Soccer is ( popularer / more popular ) than baseball in England.

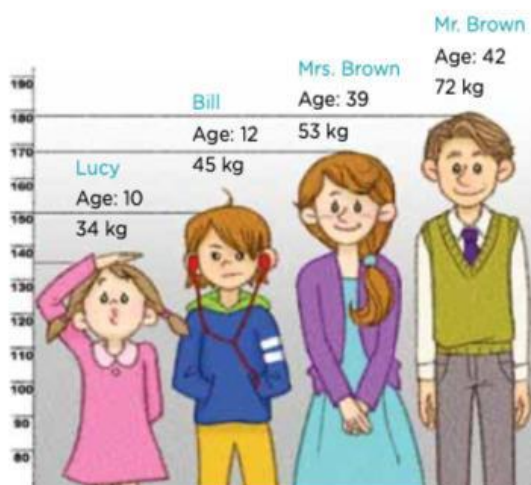
**B Write the comparatives.**

- |         |               |                |       |
|---------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. long | <u>longer</u> | 2. heavy       | _____ |
| 3. hot  | _____         | 4. useful      | _____ |
| 5. bad  | _____         | 6. interesting | _____ |
| 7. good | _____         | 8. wide        | _____ |

**C Complete the sentences using comparatives.**

1.  ( slow / fast )  
The snail is slower than the tortoise.  
The tortoise is \_\_\_\_\_ the snail.
2.  ( small / big )  
Mars is \_\_\_\_\_ Earth.  
Earth is \_\_\_\_\_ Mars.
3.  ( expensive / cheap )  
The red jacket is \_\_\_\_\_ the blue one.  
The blue jacket is \_\_\_\_\_ the red one.
4.  ( difficult / easy )  
Science is \_\_\_\_\_ than history.  
History is \_\_\_\_\_ than science.

## A Complete the sentences using comparatives.



- (tall)  
Mr. Brown is taller than Mrs. Brown.
- (young)  
Mrs. Brown is \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Brown.
- (old)  
Bill is \_\_\_\_\_ Lucy.
- (heavy)  
Lucy is not \_\_\_\_\_ Bill.
- (short)  
Bill is \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

## B Choose and complete the sentences using comparatives.

expensive

exciting

hot

thin

~~long~~

- Last year, Tom's hair was longer than now.
- Snowboarding is \_\_\_\_\_ skiing to me.
- It is very hot today. It is \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- Christine is \_\_\_\_\_ her younger sister.
- I like this sweater better, but it's \_\_\_\_\_.

## C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

- Alaska is larger than Hawaii. → Alaska is larger than Hawaii.
- Emails are convenienter than letters. → \_\_\_\_\_
- Lewis is more strong than Bob. → \_\_\_\_\_
- This week is busyer than last week. → \_\_\_\_\_





When you write a comparative essay, you can explain both the similarities and differences using comparatives.

## Complete the comparative essay using comparatives.



### Dogs and Cats

Both dogs and cats are popular pets. There are some differences between them.

Dogs need bigger (big) and                      (wide) spaces than cats. Cats are                      (happy) in small spaces. They are also                      (clean) than dogs.

Generally, dogs are                      (kind) and                      (friendly) than cats. Cats are shy, independent, and                      (quiet) than dogs. People can train dogs because they are                      (smart) and more loyal than cats. Dogs will never leave their owners.



### Review!

#### Complete the chart.

| Adjective | Comparative | Adjective | Comparative | Adjective | Comparative |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| big       | bigger      | large     |             | beautiful |             |
| pretty    |             | high      |             | dangerous |             |
| hot       |             | early     |             | useful    |             |
| heavy     |             | good      |             | difficult |             |
| easy      |             | bad       |             | exciting  |             |