## GRAMMAR Comparatives: short adjectives

**1** Complete Rosa's sentences with the words in the box.

| newer | older |
|---|---|

José's house is [1] _____ than my house.



My house is [2] _____ than José's house.

**Now complete the sentences.**

**3** We add *-er* to short *adjectives* / *nouns* to make the comparative form.

**4** We write *than* / *that* after the comparative.

**short adjectives**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| tall | + *-er* | + *than* | Danny is **taller than** me. |
| safe | + *-r* | | The beach is **safer than** the sea. |
| hot | *double letter* + *-er* | | Italy is **hotter than** England. |
| happy | y → *-i* + *-er* | | Liz is **happier than** her sister. |

**1** Put the words in the right place in the table.

angry clean cold dirty easy fat heavy hot late long new old sad small white

| + *-er* | *double letter* + *-er* | y → *-i* + *-er* | *ending with -e* + *-r* |
|---|---|---|---|
| *taller* | *bigger* | *happier* | *nicer* |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| _____ | | | |
| _____ | | | |

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## 2 Read the text. Are the sentences right (✔) or wrong (✘)?

Mike and Rick are both tall. Mike is 1 metre 76 and Rick is 1 metre 80. Rick weighs 95 kilos. Mike is only 75 kilos. Rick's shirts are XL (extra large); Mike's are M (medium size). Mike is 27 years old and Rick is 29. Rick's got lots of friends – he's really nice, but Mike hasn't got many friends – he's always angry! Mike and Rick like running. Rick can run one kilometre in five minutes, but Mike can do it in only four minutes.

**1** Mike's taller than Rick. ⌄

**2** Rick's faster than Mike. ⌄

**3** Rick's shorter than Mike. ⌄

**4** Mike's friendlier and nicer than Rick. ⌄

**5** Mike's older than Rick. ⌄

**6** Rick's heavier than Mike. ⌄

**7** Mike's slower than Rick. ⌄

## 3 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

hard hot ~~long~~ nice old young

**0** Lisa's hair is *longer than* Mia's hair.

**1** I love apples. They're _____ oranges.

**2** English is _____ French. I'm not very good at French.

**3** I'm _____ my sister. She's 15 and I'm 12.

**4** But I'm _____ my brother. He's only two.

**5** India is _____ Canada.

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**5** **Compare the boy and girl. Write six comparative sentences using the words in the box.**



| happy | old | short | sad | tall | young |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

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