

ADJECTIVE DEGREES: COMPARATIVE

		Comparative of Superiority
One-syllable adjectives	tall old nice	taller (than) older (than) nicer (than)
One-syllable adjectives ending in a consonant + vowel + consonant	fat hot	fatter (than) hotter (than)
Two-syllable adjectives ending in -y	happy easy	happier (than) easier (than)
Most two / three or more syllable adjectives	famous expensive	more famous (than) more expensive (than)

Irregular Adjectives	Comparative of Superiority
good	better (than)
bad	worse (than)
far	farther / further (than)

1 – Choose the correct option for each sentence.

- 1 – Clare is **more tall than / taller than** her sister.
- 2 – California is **hotter than / more hot than** London.
- 3 – Life in a city is **expensiver than / more expensive than** life in a village.
- 4 – English is **easier than / more easy than** Portuguese.
- 5 – Mountain-climbing is **excitinger than / more exciting than** surfing the net.
- 6 – A Ferrari is **more beautiful than / beautifuller than** a BMW.

2 – An **Idiom** is a group of words which have a different meaning when used together from the one they would have if you took the meaning of each word separately.

The **comparative of equality** is very common in idioms

Exercise: Complete the idioms with the adjectives from the box in the **comparative of equality**. Then match the sentences to their meaning. **Follow the example:**

ugly	fat	√ free	blind	white	stubborn	busy
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IDIOMS		MEANING
1 – <u>as free as</u> a bird		a) very unattractive;
2 – _____ a bee		b) obese; overweight;
3 – _____ a bat	1	c) without any worries or duties;
4 – _____ a toad		d) someone with poor eyesight, unable to see;
5 – _____ a mule		e) very pale; frightened;
6 – _____ a pig		f) inflexible; determined not to change opinion / attitude;
7 – _____ a ghost		g) doing many things at the same time; very active;

3 – Now complete the following sentences with **one of the idioms** from the previous exercise:

- 1 – Without glasses, my mother is _____.
- 2 – I can't convince you to follow my advice. You are _____!
- 3 – My sister never has any free time. She is always _____ with work.
- 4 – Travelling makes me feel _____.
- 5 – Why are you so scared? You are _____.
- 6 – Mary is a beautiful woman now, but when she was a child she was _____.

4 – Put the following words into the **correct order**:

1 – Brazil / as / isn't / rich / as / China

2 – a Ferrari / A Fiat / less / is / than / fast

3 – relaxing / Life in a big city / than / is / life in a village / less

4 – a five-star hotel / comfortable / not / as / A two-star hotel / is / as

5 – Write the correct comparative degree of the adjectives (**inferiority, equality or superiority**).

Watch out for the symbols: + superiority / = equality / - inferiority

- 1 – Ice hockey is _____ (**+ dangerous**) tennis.
- 2 – Your mobile phone is _____ (**- trendy**) mine.
- 3 – The first exam was _____ (**= difficult**) the second one.
- 4 – Non-smokers usually live _____ (**+ long**) smokers.
- 5 – A Volkswagen is _____ (**+ cheap**) a Mercedes.
- 6 – Jane is _____ (**- pretty**) her sister.
- 7 – The Taj Mahal is _____ (**- famous**) the Great Wall of China.
- 8 – Skateboarding is _____ (**+ exciting**) riding a bike.
- 9 – Hotels in Portugal are _____ (**- expensive**) in Italy.
- 10 – Do you think that the *Harry Potter* films are _____ (**+ good**) the books?
- 11 – Money is _____ (**- important**) health.
- 12 – Learning German is not _____ (**= easy**) learning English.
- 13 – I think that this film was _____ (**= bad**) the one we watched yesterday.
- 14 – In my opinion, Julia Roberts is _____ (**+ beautiful**) Angelina Jolie.