

Comparative Adjectives

1 Look at the way we compare things:



Excelsior Hotel
£100 per night



Plaza Hotel
£50 per night

The Plaza Hotel is **cheaper than** the Excelsior.
The Excelsior Hotel is **bigger than** the Plaza Hotel.
The Excelsior is **more expensive than** the Plaza.
The Plaza Hotel is **smaller than** the Excelsior.

2 Cheaper and more expensive are comparative adjectives. We form them like this:

Short adjectives (one syllable):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
old	older
long	longer
nice	nicer
new	newer
slow	slower
fat	fatter
hot	hotter
big	bigger

Long adjectives (two syllables or more):

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE
famous	more famous
difficult	more difficult
careful	more careful
expensive	more expensive

Adjectives ending with -y:

happy	happier
hungry	hungrier

Irregular adjectives

good	better
bad	worse

3 To compare things, we use a comparative adjective + than:



My sandwich is bigger than yours



Tom is **richer than** Paul.
Paris is **more beautiful than** London.
My new car is **better than** my old one.

PRACTICE

A Write the comparative form of these adjectives.

0 cold		13 long	
1 big		14 hungry	
2 careful		15 nice	
3 expensive		16 happy	
4 good		17 difficult	
5 fat		18 old	
6 famous		19 beautiful	
7 new		20 friendly	
8 modern		21 hot	
9 young		22 wonderful	
10 cheap		23 bad	
11 delicious		24 small	
12 rich		25 sad	

B. Write comparative sentences about the pictures using *than* and the words in brackets (). Use the Present Simple.



0 Tom Sam



1 Alaska



Spain



2 Steve



Peter



3 Seattle



New York



4 Mary



John



5 I



My neighbour



6 Film stars



Teachers



7 Gasper



Dracula

0. (be/tall) *Tom is taller than Sam.*

1. (be/cold) _____

2. (be/hungry) _____

3. (be/small) _____

4. (be/happy) _____

5. (be/young) _____

6. (be/rich) _____

7. (be/friendly) _____

C. Look at these two boats, the Queen Anne and King John.



Queen Anne



King John

Now put words from the box in the sentences.

King John (x2)	bigger	slower	is	than
Queen Anne (x2)	longer	expensive	more	

0. *The Queen Anne is bigger than the King John.*

1. The King John is smaller _____ the Queen Anne.

2. The Queen Anne is _____ modern than the King John.

3. The King John _____ older than the Queen Anne.

4. The _____ is faster than the _____.

5. The queen Anne is more _____ than the King John.

6. The King John is _____ than the Queen Anne.

7. The _____ is cheaper than the _____.

8. The Queen Anne is _____ than the King John.