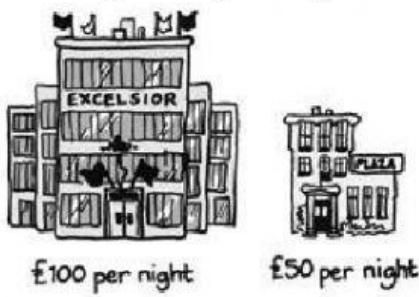


Comparative adjectives

1 Look at the way we compare things:



*The Plaza Hotel is **cheaper** than the Excelsior.
The Excelsior Hotel is **bigger** than the Plaza.
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

(For more information, see Appendix 4, page 245)

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

*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.

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

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



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Alaska Spain

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Steve Jane

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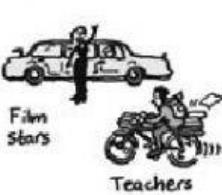
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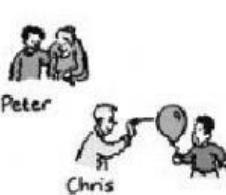
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◆ (be/tall) Tom is taller than Sam.

1 (be/cold)

2 (be/hungry)

3 (be/small)

4 (be/happy)

5 (be/young)

6 (be/rich)

7 (be/friendly)

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

BOATS	LENGTH	AREA	TOP SPEED	YEAR MADE	PRICE
Queen Anne	14 metres	40 metres ²	35 knots	2005	£9,000
King John	9 metres	23 metres ²	30 knots	1997	£3,500

Now put words from the box in the sentences.

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

◆ 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.