

Grammar comparative adjectives

4 Look at the sentences in Exercise 3. Underline examples of comparative adjectives.

► SPELL CHECK comparative adjectives

- Add **-er** to short adjectives to form the comparative: *old* → *older*
- Add **-r** to adjectives ending in **-e**: *large* → *larger*
- Change adjectives ending in **-y** (after a consonant) to **-i**, and add **-er**: *happy* → *happier*
- Double the final consonant on some adjectives ending with a vowel and a consonant: *hot* → *hotter*

6 Complete these sentences with the comparative form of the adjective in parentheses.

- 1 This laptop is _____ (cheap) than that one.
- 2 I love the summer because it's _____ than winter. (hot)
- 3 Everything is _____ (expensive) at the airport stores.
- 4 Your new car is _____ (fast) than your old one.
- 5 The city is _____ (safe) during the day. At night it can be dangerous.
- 6 Are you _____ (old) than me?
- 7 I am pretty good at Japanese, but my brother is _____. (good)
- 8 Why are your grades from school _____ (bad) than last year?

7 Use the words to make sentences comparing two things. Use a comparative adjective + *than*.

- 1 my brother / short / me

My brother is shorter than me.

- 2 walking / slow / cycling

- 3 I think / rock climbing / difficult / surfing

- 4 giraffes / tall / elephants

- 5 camping / cheap / staying in a hotel

- 6 Canada / big / Iceland

- 7 a taxi / expensive / a public bus

- 8 cities / crowded / towns
