

# GRAMMAR 1 Comparative adjectives

## »»» Compare two things

### 1 Complete the grammar table with the words in the box.

busier faster more than worse

#### Comparative adjectives

Use: To compare two things.

##### Form:

short adjective + -er	(1) <i>faster</i>
(2) + long adjective	<i>more expensive</i>
irregular adjectives	<i>bad</i> » (3)

Use (4) after comparatives:

*It's quicker than the bus.*

Spelling changes: *busy* » (5)

### 2 » Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 We're *better* (good) than they are.
- 2 It's *far* (far) than we thought.
- 3 He's *bad* (bad) than anyone I know.
- 4 She's *friendly* (friendly) than he was.
- 5 We're not *happy* (happy) than in the past.
- 6 It's *big* (big) than I imagined.
- 7 It's *heavy* (heavy) than it looks.

### 3 » Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 It's *late* / *later* than you think – it's almost 9 o'clock now.
- 2 He's *tall* / *taller* than his dad.
- 3 It's *more cheap* / *cheaper* to shop online.
- 4 Local shops are often *more better* / *better* than big supermarkets.
- 5 Walking is *slow* / *slower* than cycling.
- 6 It's *importanter* / *more important* to try than to succeed.
- 7 Try to be more *politer* / *polite*, please.
- 8 He's a year *more older* / *older* than she is.

### 4 » Complete the conversation with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

**Customer:** Hello, I'd like to buy an elephant, please.

**Shop assistant:** Perhaps you'd like something (1) *smaller* (small)?

**Customer:** I want something (2) (original) than a cat or dog.

**Shop assistant:** What about a mouse? It's the same colour as an elephant and (3) (safe) to keep.

**Customer:** But I want to have something (4) (exciting) than a mouse.

**Shop assistant:** We've got some hamsters. They're (5) (funny) than mice.

**Customer:** I don't want that. I want something (6) (unusual). So – an elephant, please.

**Shop assistant:** Ah! Let me see ... Sorry, I can't see any in this shop at the moment. They're (7) (popular) in our shop in Ipswich. Maybe you can get one from there.



## 5 &gt;&gt;&gt; Put the words in order to make sentences.

1 She / than / better / her sister. / sings

She sings better than her sister.

2 louder / voice / is / Her / mine. / than

3 further / travels / than / do. / I / She

4 do. / I / plays tennis / than / better / She

## 6 a &gt;&gt;&gt; Make comparisons using the words in brackets.

1 a mountain / a hill (high)

A mountain is higher than a hill.

2 cars / bicycles (expensive)

3 department stores / local shops (big)

4 speaking / writing (easy)

5 a plane / a train (fast)

6 the countryside / the city (quiet)

## b Write the adjectives from Exercise 6a beside their opposites (1–6).

Opposite adjective	Adjective
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1 hard/difficult

easy

2 low

\_\_\_\_\_

3 slow

\_\_\_\_\_

4 small

\_\_\_\_\_

5 noisy

\_\_\_\_\_

6 cheap

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## c &gt;&gt;&gt; Rewrite sentences 1–6 from Exercise 6a using the opposite comparative adjectives from Exercise 6b.

1 A hill is lower than a mountain.

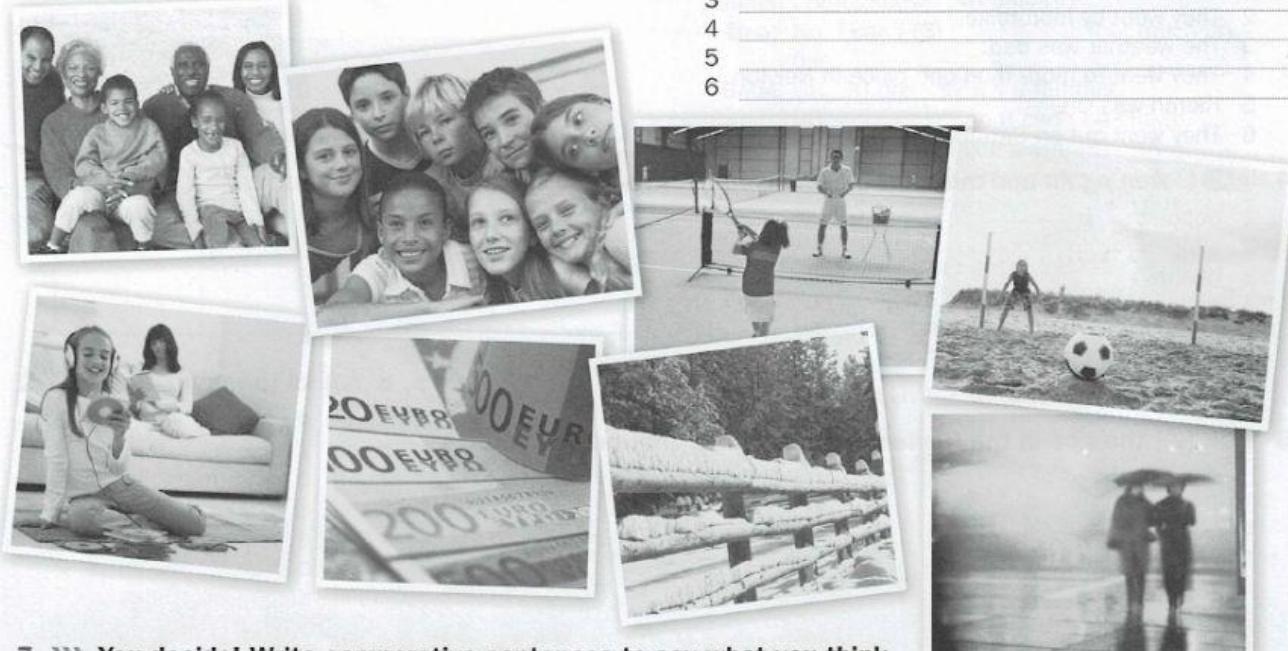
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## 7 &gt;&gt;&gt; You decide! Write comparative sentences to say what you think.

Use the correct form of the word in brackets.

1 rock music vs hip hop (popular)

Hip hop music is more popular than rock music.

2 books vs films (interesting)

3 money vs being happy (important)

4 history vs PE (good)

5 English vs my language (easy)

6 snow vs rain (bad)

7 tablets vs smartphones (cool)

8 Beyoncé vs Rihanna (talented)

9 football vs tennis (exciting)

10 friends vs family (nice)