

8.2 Comparative Adverbs

	Comparative Adverb	Than	
Gas prices are rising	faster	than	food prices.
	more rapidly		

1. Use a comparative adverb + <i>than</i> to compare two actions.	Mark works harder than Jeff. Carol drives more carefully than Peter.	
2. Add <i>-er</i> to the end of one-syllable adverbs to form the comparative.	fast → faster long → longer	hard → harder high → higher
3. Use <i>more</i> before adverbs that end with <i>-ly</i> .	quickly → more quickly frequently → more frequently	
4. Some adverbs have an irregular comparative form.	well → better badly → worse	far → farther, further

5 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adverbs in parentheses + *than*.

- My new oven works a lot better than (good) my old oven. It heats up much _____ (quick) my old oven, but it also burns food _____ (often) my old one!
- Now that he's a manager, Gerry works a lot _____ (hard) he used to. He also travels _____ (frequent) he did before, and his trips last _____ (long) they used to.
- People are creating garbage _____ (rapid) they used to. They are throwing away their old things because they can buy new goods _____ (easy) before. In the past, people treated their belongings _____ (careful) they do now.

6 Use the words in parentheses to complete each sentence. Use the comparative form of the adverb and the correct form of the verb.

- This computer works more efficiently than (work / efficiently) that computer.
- My new watch _____ (keep time / accurately) my old watch.
- My sister _____ (call / often) my brother.
- My phone _____ (ring / loudly) your phone.
- Tara _____ (shop / frequently) Lori.
- Brad _____ (type / quickly) Lynn.
- Kate _____ (sing / badly) Deb.
- Lila _____ (study / hard) Nora.