



Comparatives: short adjectives

Short adjectives	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ er	long → longer short → shorter small → smaller
Ending in -e	+ r	large → larger nice → nicer
Ending in a consonant + y	-y → -i + er	heavy → heavier happy → happier funny → funnier
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + er	big → bigger fat → fatter thin → thinner



Comparatives: Long adjectives

Use the word **more** to make the comparative form.

Long adjectives	Examples
Most two-syllable adjectives which do not end in -y	Mary is more polite than Cindy. Tom is more helpful than Peter.
All adjectives of three syllables or more	Candy is more hard-working than Maggie. Joe is more good-looking than Tom.

1. Vegetables are _____ for your health _____ crisps. (good)
2. Travelling by plane is _____ travelling by train. (expensive)
3. Avatar is _____ Prince of Persia. (interesting)
4. I work _____ my sister. (hard)
5. German is _____ Spanish. (difficult)
6. Our car is _____ and _____ yours. (big, safe)
7. This week it is _____ last week. (cold)
8. Dogs are _____ any other pets. (smart)
9. Your project was _____ Jack's. (nice)
10. My cousin, Ben, is _____ my brother. (funny)

One-syllable adjectives	long – longer	tall – taller
	straight – straighter	large – larger
	big – bigger	hot – hotter
Two-syllable adjectives	honest – more honest	famous – more famous
	happy – happier	crazy – crazier
	narrow – narrower	gentle – gentler
Three or more syllables	expensive – more expensive	dangerous – more dangerous
	popular – more popular	beautiful – more beautiful
	confident – more confident	difficult – more difficult
Irregular adjectives	good – better	many – more
	bad – worse	little – less
	far – farther	far – further