



### Comparatives: short adjectives

Short adjectives	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ <b>er</b>	long → longer short → shorter small → smaller
Ending in <b>-e</b>	+ <b>r</b>	large → larger nice → nicer
Ending in a consonant + <b>y</b>	- <b>y</b> → - <b>i</b> + <b>er</b>	heavy → heavier happy → happier funny → funnier
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + <b>er</b>	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 <b>-y</b>	Mary is <b>more polite</b> than Cindy. Tom is <b>more helpful</b> than Peter.
All adjectives of <b>three syllables</b> or more	Candy is <b>more hard-working</b> than Maggie. Joe is <b>more good-looking</b> 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)

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