

COMPARATIVES WITH NOUNS



Using **Less** and **Fewer**

LESS

Less is used when talking about things that are *uncountable* or *have no plural*. It is compatible with collective nouns, non-countable nouns and volumes.

Examples

- I earn **less** money than a policeman.
- Many of us maybe eat **less** sugar.
- I sleep **less** than my father.

FEWER

Fewer is used when talking about things or people in the plural. It is used with countable nouns and individual items.

Examples

- I bought **fewer** books this year.
- They've got **fewer** problems than they used to have.
- Now I've got **fewer** tasks than I used to have.

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Complete the sentences with **MORE**, **LESS** AND **FEWER**.

1. I'm spending _____ time on my social network these days because I'm very busy at work.
2. I'm getting _____ exercise now because I'm walking home from work every day.
3. My friends and I text each other very late at night, so I'm sleeping _____ than I should.
4. My friends prefer texting to email, so they're sending me _____ email messages these days.
5. I don't have much time to cook, so I'm eating out _____ than I did before.
6. I don't like big groups. I enjoy myself _____ when I have dinner with just one or two close friends.
7. In my family, we're watching TV _____ together because we're all spending more and more time in our laptops.
8. I feel a bit shy in groups. I usually talk _____ than other people.
9. I'm buying _____ newspapers now because I'm getting my news online.