

# COMPARISONS: SHOPPING

Watch the [video](#) titled “Online Shopping Tutorial” by Save-on-Foods.

## 1 WARM UP

Look at the items below. Say if you prefer to shop for each online or offline. Give a reason for your answer in each one.



pizza



groceries



shoes



jeans



electronics

## 2 GRAMMAR

Study the grammar below about comparatives. Then, complete the tasks.

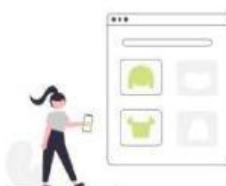
Rule	Comparative	Examples
Words with one syllable	<u>Add -er</u> Fast ---- Faster Big ---- Bigger Small ---- Smaller	<i>I am faster than my brother.</i> <i>I am shorter than my father.</i>
Words with two syllables (ending in -y)	<u>Replace -y with -ier</u> Funny ---- Funnier Happy ---- Happier	<i>She is funnier than him.</i> <i>He is happier today than yesterday.</i>
Words ending in two or more syllables	<u>More + adjective</u> Dangerous ---- More dangerous Experienced ---- More experienced	<i>A lion is more dangerous than a deer.</i> <i>She is more experienced than me.</i>
Irregulars	Good ---- better Bad ---- worse Many, much ---- more Little ---- less	<i>Ice-cream is better than chocolate.</i> <i>They have more cars than we do.</i>

**Comparing two things:**  
Use these helpful words and phrases to be more specific.

- **“Almost as...as”**  
I am almost as tall as you.
- **“Not quite as...as”**  
I am not quite as experienced as you.
- **“Not nearly as...as”**  
She is not nearly as tall as him.
- **“Nowhere near as... as”**  
You are nowhere near as short as her.
- **“Twice as... as”**  
This cake is twice as big as the cupcake.
- **“A lot”**  
He is a lot taller than me.
- **“Much”**  
She is much smarter than him.
- **“A little”**  
He is a little shorter than his brother.
- **“Slightly”**  
My son is slightly younger than yours.
- **“Far”**  
My dog is far bigger than yours.

**Task 1:** Mark whether the two sentences in each number are the same or different.

Sentences	Same	Different
Norway is far colder than England. England is not nearly as cold as Norway.		
Your Spanish is a bit better than mine. My Spanish is far worse than yours.		
He's a much better cook than me. I am a slightly worse cook than him.		
France is slightly more expensive than the USA. The USA is a little less expensive than France.		
My daughter is almost as old as yours. Your daughter is twice as old as mine.		



**Task 2: Rewrite the sentences so that they have the same meaning.**

1. They are not nearly as good at maths as you.  
You are \_\_\_\_\_ at maths than them. (*much*)
2. It's not quite as rainy today as yesterday.  
Yesterday was \_\_\_\_\_ than today. (*bit*)
3. Sweets aren't nearly as healthy as vegetables.  
Vegetables are \_\_\_\_\_ than sweets. (*far*)
4. My job is a bit more boring than yours.  
Your job isn't \_\_\_\_\_ as mine. (*quite*)
5. My car is a lot bigger than yours.  
Your car is \_\_\_\_\_ than mine. (*much*)



**Task 3: Correct the mistakes in the sentences.**

1. He is far more taller than me.
2. She is experienceder than me.
3. I am much more smarter than her!
4. They run a lot more faster than than us.
5. He is more richer than his sister.
6. The lion is dangerouser than the crocodile.

### 3

### VIDEO: VOCABULARY AND DISCUSSION

Complete the following exercises related to the [video](#).

**Vocabulary:** Match the words from the box to the definitions

personal touch

go the extra mile

hand-pick

checklist

1. Make a special effort to achieve something.
2. A list of items needed or things that needs to be done; a reminder.
3. Select carefully with a specific purpose in mind.
4. An element that makes something more personal.



**Listening Exercise: Put the events in the order they appear in the video.**

- Log on to the Save-on-Foods website.
- Your personal shopper reads the shopping list.
- Create your shopping list.
- Your personal shopper hand-picks the items.
- Choose pick up or delivery when you check out.
- You receive your groceries.



**Speaking Exercise: Answer the questions.**

1. Do you have an online grocery store in your country?
2. Do you prefer online shopping or traditional shopping?
3. Compare online shopping to traditional shopping using the box below and the grammar from exercise 2.

convenient

easy

slow

good quality

fun

flexible

## 4

## READING AND COMPREHENSION

Read the article and then complete the tasks.

### Reasons Why Online Shopping Is Better

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Your time is very important. When you shop in a store, you have to first drive to the store, get your products and then wait in line to pay. This takes a lot of time. But, if you shop online - you can place your order and then do something else while your products are delivered!

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Shopping online means you can do it from the comfort of your own home. All you have to do is go online and place your order. Even if the product is out of stock in the store closest to you - you can find it

online. This saves you the time and cost to drive from store to store for your product.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

When you shop online, you don't have to wait in a queue to pay for your product. You simply add them to your basket online and check out. No need to waste time in queues.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

When you shop online, you can easily look for categories, brands or shops and compare prices, colours and sizes. You can also see which products are available in store if you need to pick them up.

Adapted from an article by Boni Gamer. Link: [Article](#)

**Task 1: Complete the articles with titles provided in the box below.**

You don't have to wait in queues  
You can easily compare products

It can save time  
It can save transportation costs

**Task 2: Say whether the following statements are true or false.**

1. Shopping online takes longer, because you have to wait in a queue.
2. Shopping in a store is quicker because you have the product immediately.
3. It is more expensive to shop online, because there are a lot of delivery costs.
4. When you shop online, it is easier to compare products.
5. It is safer to shop online, because you avoid roads and crowds.

**Task 3: Look at more reasons in the box why online shopping is better. Expand on each point and give more details. Say as much as possible!**

You can shop anytime you want      Products are cheaper      You can avoid crowds

**Task 4: Compare online and traditional shopping with the grammar in exercise 2 and the words in the box below.**

convenient      fun      quick      cheap      expensive      easy      safe

