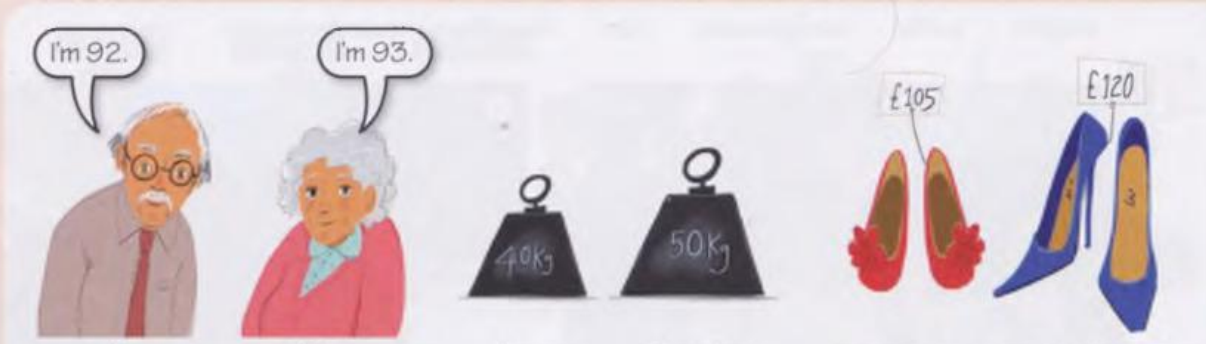
Unit 87

old/older expensive / more expensive

A



old **older** heavy **heavier** expensive **more expensive**

Older / **heavier** / **more expensive** are *comparative* forms.
The comparative is **-er** (**older**) or **more** ... (**more expensive**).

B

older/heavier etc.

Short words (1 syllable) → **-er**:

old → **older**	slow → **slower**	cheap → **cheaper**
nice → **nicer**	late → **later**	big → **bigger**

Spelling (→ Appendix 5): big → bigger hot → hotter thin → thinner

Words ending in **-y** → **-ier**:

easy → **easier** heavy → **heavier** early → **earlier**

- ☐ Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- ☐ Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- ☐ Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- ☐ This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- ☐ Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

far → further:

- ☐ A: How far is it to the station? A mile?
  B: No, it's **further**. About two miles.

C

more ...

Long words (2/3/4 syllables) → **more** ... :

careful → **more careful**	polite → **more polite**
expensive → **more expensive**	interesting → **more interesting**

- ☐ You must be **more careful**.
- ☐ I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- ☐ Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

D

good/well → better **bad → worse**

- ☐ The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- ☐ 'Do you feel **better** today?' 'No, I feel **worse**.'
- ☐ Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

older than ... / **more expensive than** ... → Unit 88 **the oldest** / **the most expensive** → Unit 90

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Exercises

87.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (**older** / **more interesting** etc.).



87.2 Write the comparative.

1 old *older*
2 strong .....
3 happy .....
4 modern .....
5 important .....
6 good .....
7 large .....
8 serious .....
9 pretty .....
10 crowded .....

87.3 Write the opposite.

1 younger *older*
2 colder .....
3 cheaper .....
4 better .....
5 nearer .....
6 easier .....

87.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

1 Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a *bigger* one.
2 My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something *more interesting*.
3 You're not very tall. Your brother is .....
4 David doesn't work very hard. I work .....
5 My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is .....
6 Your idea isn't very good. My idea is .....
7 These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are .....
8 My bag isn't very heavy. Your bag is .....
9 I'm not very interested in art. I'm ..... in history.
10 It isn't very warm today. It was ..... yesterday.
11 These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted .....
12 Britain isn't very big. France is .....
13 London isn't very beautiful. Paris is .....
14 This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a ..... one?
15 People today aren't very polite. In the past they were .....
16 The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much .....

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