

Short comparative adjectives

1 16 Read the messages and complete the sentence.

Chloe usually ¹ _____ to her house, but today Alyssa is taking the ² _____.

Are you coming to my house tonight?

Chloe

Yes. I'm on Fifth Avenue. What's the best way?

Alyssa

The bus is usually **easier** than the subway. But I walk.

Chloe

Why?

Alyssa

It's **cheaper!**

Chloe

But it's hot in the street and it's even **hotter** in the subway. I'm taking the bus.

Alyssa

2 Look at the bold comparative adjectives in exercise 1. Complete the chart.

Short adjectives	
+ -er or -r	
cheap	It's ¹ cheaper !
safe	The bus is safer than the subway.
-y + -ier	
lazy	You're lazier than me!
easy	The bus is usually ² _____ than the subway.
double consonant + -er	
big	New York is bigger than Chicago.
hot	It's even ³ _____ in the subway.
We can compare two things using than .	
The subway is faster than the bus.	

3 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives. Add **than** if necessary.

- A The math test was **harder than** _____ (hard) the science test.

B No way, I thought it was **easier** _____ (easy)!
- His hair is _____ (dark) hers, but hers is _____ (long).
- A Today is _____ (cloudy) yesterday.

B Yeah. Where did the summer go? It was much _____ (sunny) yesterday!
- A Your uncle is _____ (friendly) your aunt.

B He's _____ (funny), too!

4 Write sentences comparing the two motorcycles. Use **than**.



	Sports motorcycle	Chopper motorcycle
size <—>	1.4 m	1.9 m
speed	267 km/h	183 km/h
noise (dB)	65 dB	90 dB
year	2016	1995
price	\$11,699	\$19,005

- (big) The chopper motorcycle is bigger than the sports motorcycle.
- (small) The sports motorcycle is smaller than the chopper motorcycle.
- (fast) _____
- (noisy) _____
- (old) _____
- (cheap) _____

Your turn

5 Write true comparative sentences with **than**.

- (short) I or me / my best friend

I am shorter than my best friend. /

My best friend is shorter than me.
- (old) my mom / my dad _____
- (tall) my mom / my dad _____
- (young) I or me / my best friend _____
- (shy) I or me / my friends _____
- (easy) science / art _____

6 Write five more true comparative sentences. My best friend is smarter than me!