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Comparatives

Excuse me. How much are those laptops?

Well, this one is **cheaper than** that one. This one is £450 and that one is £699.

Language focus

Use **comparatives** to compare two people, places or things.

The doctor is **taller than** Ewan.

There are some rules to learn:

Add **er** to the end of adjectives with one syllable: **slow / slower**

Put **more** before adjectives of three or more syllables: **difficult / more difficult**

Sometimes, when an adjective is written **consonant + vowel + consonant**, double the final consonant: **sad / sadder**

When an adjective ends in **y**, change the **y** to an **i** and add **er**: **busy / busier**

There are some irregular adjectives that do not follow rules:

good better bad worse



1 Write the comparatives.

1 small **smaller**

2 fast _____

3 new _____

4 quiet _____

5 big _____

6 happy _____

7 funny _____

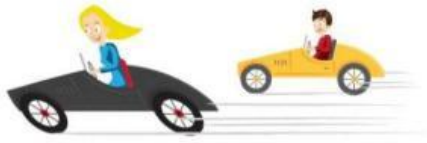
8 famous _____

9 beautiful _____

10 expensive _____

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Use the comparatives from Activity 1 and write sentences.



1 The yellow car is slower than the black car. _____ (slow)



2 _____ (big)

the new tower the old tower



3 _____ (tall)

Clock A Clock B



4 _____ (old)

SP Mini Com20 Plus



5 _____ (cheap)



6 _____ (sad)

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Complete the dialogue with the words from the box.

smaller cheaper bigger than better more **expensive**

Katya How much is this mobile phone?

Shop assistant Oh, that one is £399.

Katya That's too (1) **expensive**. I'd like a (2) _____ one.

Shop assistant This one is £200.

Katya That's a (3) _____ price.

Shop assistant As you can see, it's much (4) _____ our other phones, and it's got a (5) _____ beautiful design.

Katya I like it, but it's too big for me. Have you got any (6) _____ phones?

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