



2 GRAMMAR Comparative adjectives

- a Look at the bar charts on the *Online Hotline*. Complete the sentences.

Most people think:

- 1 a _____ is heavier than a _____.
- 2 a _____ is better than a _____.
- 3 a _____ is bigger than a _____.
- 4 a _____ is more expensive than a _____.
- 5 a _____ is lighter than a _____.

- b Underline the comparative adjectives in the sentences in 2a. Then circle the correct words to complete the rule.

The adjectives tell us how the smartphone and the tablet are *the same* / *different*.

- c Look at the sentences in 2a. Complete the rules and the examples.

- 1 Short adjectives (e.g. *light*) add _____
hard → _____
- 2 Write _____ before long adjectives (e.g. *expensive*)
interesting → _____ interesting
- 3 Some adjectives are irregular (e.g. *good, bad*)
good → _____
bad → worse

- d 3.37 Complete the sentences. Listen and check your answers.

- a My new smartphone is bigger _____ the old one I had.
- b Some tablets are more expensive _____ computers.

- e 3.37 **Pronunciation** Listen again. Is the missing word in 2d stressed or not?

3 LISTENING

- a 3.39 Noelle also listens to a podcast to help her decide. Listen to the podcast. Does it talk about the same ideas as the *Online Hotline* posts?

- b 3.39 Listen again. Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Pocketability is about:
 - a the size of phones and tablets.
 - b how phones and tablets feel when you use them.
- 2 Eatability is about:
 - a using phones and tablets in restaurants.
 - b using phones and tablets when you're eating.

4 VOCABULARY IT collocations

- a 3.40 Complete the phrases from the podcast with the correct verbs. Listen and check your answers.

- 1 s _ _ _ the Web 2 c _ _ _ emails 3 m _ _ _ calls

- b Match verbs 1–5 with nouns a–e. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

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