



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 → _____

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 3.38 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.

1 download	a a website
2 click on	b a document
3 visit	c a file
4 log on to	d a link
5 save	e a computer