

Comparative adjectives



What are the comparative adjectives?

Comparative adjectives are adjectives used to compare two people or things. We use them to say that one person or object has a higher degree of a quality than the other.

Examples: taller, smaller, smarter, brighter, cheaper.

How are they formed?

Depending on the number of syllables that the adjective has:

One-syllable words:

We add "er" or "r" at the end of the adjective and "than" after.

- ◆ Tall → Taller
- ◆ Safe → Safer
- ◆ Big → Bigger
- ◆ Old → Older
- ◆ Cheap → Cheaper
- ◆ Cold → Colder

Two or more-syllable words:

We add "more" before the adjective and "than" after.

- ◆ Expensive → More expensive
- ◆ Dangerous → More dangerous
- ◆ Terrible → More terrible

Activities:

1 Complete the sentences using the comparative form of each adjective.

- ◆ The whale is (big) than the fish.
- ◆ The blue house is (bright) than the green one.
- ◆ My English class is (interesting) than my Science class.
- ◆ London is (busy) than Glasgow.
- ◆ Marie is (quiet) than her sister Sophie.
- ◆ Grandma's house is (comfortable) than a hotel.
- ◆ My garden is (colorful) than this park.
- ◆ This cellphone was (expensive) than my last one.

2 Read the list of adjectives and complete the boxes with their corresponding comparative form.

- ◆ Clean →
- ◆ Expensive →
- ◆ Large →
- ◆ Slow →
- ◆ Beautiful →
- ◆ Tall →
- ◆ Intelligent →
- ◆ Happy →