

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:

- ✓ 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.

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

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