

GRAMMAR

Comparatives: short adjectives

- 1 Complete Rosa's sentences with the words in the box.

newer older

José's house is
1 _____ than
my house.



My house is
2 _____ than
José's house.

Now complete the sentences.

- 3 We add *-er* to short *adjectives* / *nouns* to make the comparative form.
4 We write *than* / *that* after the comparative.

short adjectives

tall	+ <i>-er</i>	+ <i>than</i>	Danny is taller <i>than</i> me.
safe	+ <i>-r</i>		The beach is safer <i>than</i> the sea.
hot	<i>double letter</i> + <i>-er</i>		Italy is hotter <i>than</i> England.
happy	y → <i>-i</i> + <i>-er</i>		Liz is happier <i>than</i> her sister.

- 1 Put the words in the right place in the table.

angry clean cold dirty easy fat heavy hot
late long new old sad small white

+ <i>-er</i>	<i>double letter</i> + <i>-er</i>	y → <i>-i</i> + <i>-er</i>	ending with <i>-e</i> + <i>-r</i>
<i>taller</i>	<i>bigger</i>	<i>happier</i>	<i>nicer</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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2 Read the text. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?

Mike and Rick are both tall. Mike is 1 metre 76 and Rick is 1 metre 80. Rick weighs 95 kilos. Mike is only 75 kilos. Rick's shirts are XL (extra large); Mike's are M (medium size). Mike is 27 years old and Rick is 29. Rick's got lots of friends – he's really nice, but Mike hasn't got many friends – he's always angry! Mike and Rick like running. Rick can run one kilometre in five minutes, but Mike can do it in only four minutes.

1 Mike's taller than Rick.

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2 Rick's faster than Mike.

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3 Rick's shorter than Mike.

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4 Mike's friendlier and nicer than Rick.

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5 Mike's older than Rick.

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6 Rick's heavier than Mike.

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7 Mike's slower than Rick.

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3 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

hard hot long nice old young

0 Lisa's hair is longer than Mia's hair.

1 I love apples. They're _____ oranges.

2 English is _____ French. I'm not very good at French.

3 I'm _____ my sister. She's 15 and I'm 12.

4 But I'm _____ my brother. He's only two.

5 India is _____ Canada.

- 5 Compare the boy and girl. Write six comparative sentences using the words in the box.



happy old short sad tall young

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