

## COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

| Adjective                         | Comparative     |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| One syllable                      |                 |
| slow →                            | slower          |
| Two syllables with consonant + -y |                 |
| healthy →                         | healthier       |
| Two syllables or more             |                 |
| beautiful →                       | more beautiful  |
| Irregular                         |                 |
| good →                            | better          |
| bad →                             | worse           |
| far →                             | farther/further |

- We use comparative adjectives to compare two things (see *Spelling*).  
*Water is usually **cheaper** than cola.*
- We usually use **than** after comparative adjectives.  
*Vegetables are **healthier** than biscuits.*

### Spelling

- **One-syllable adjectives:**
  - mostly add **-er**.  
*small → smaller, cheap → cheaper*
  - One-syllable adjectives ending in **-e**, add **-r**.  
*nice → nicer, late → later*
  - One-syllable adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant (except **w, x** or **y**), double the consonant and add **-er**.  
*big → bigger, fat → fatter*
- **Two-syllable adjectives** ending in consonant + **-y** change the **-y** to **-i** and add **-er**.  
*busy → busier, happy → happier*
- **Two or more syllables** add **more**.  
*expensive → more expensive*

## 2 Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

1 long \_\_\_\_\_

2 healthy \_\_\_\_\_

3 short \_\_\_\_\_

4 exciting \_\_\_\_\_

5 hot \_\_\_\_\_

6 popular \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 My maths teacher is \_\_\_\_\_ (young) than my geography teacher.
- 2 I think playing football is \_\_\_\_\_ (interesting) than watching it.
- 3 Exercise 2 is \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) than Exercise 3.
- 4 My house is \_\_\_\_\_ (far) from school than yours.
- 5 A mango is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than a strawberry.

3 Write complete sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

expensive fast good hot

0 The blue T-shirt is £10. The red T-shirt is £15.

The red T-shirt is more expensive than the blue T-shirt.

1 It's 2 hours by train. It's 2 hours 45 minutes by bus.

The train is \_\_\_\_\_.

2 It's 25°C in London today. It's 33°C in Istanbul.

Istanbul is \_\_\_\_\_.

3 The pizza wasn't bad. The burger was very bad.

The pizza was \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the comparative adjectives below.

longer   healthier   shorter   more exciting   hotter   more popular

- 1 Football is a \_\_\_\_\_ sport than tennis in most countries.
- 2 It's \_\_\_\_\_ in summer in the south of Italy than in the south of England.
- 3 Trousers are \_\_\_\_\_ than shorts.
- 4 I'm \_\_\_\_\_ than my sister. She's very tall!
- 5 I love video games. They are \_\_\_\_\_ than watching boring TV.
- 6 Fruit and vegetables are \_\_\_\_\_ than sweets and cakes.

### 3 Complete the sentences with the comparative adjectives in Exercise 2.

**4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.**

0 Pizza isn't as healthy as salad. Salad is healthier than pizza.

1 New York is bigger than San Francisco. San Francisco isn't \_\_\_\_\_ as New York.

2 My bike is cleaner than your bike. Your bike is \_\_\_\_\_ than my bike.

3 Cheesecake isn't as nice as chocolate cake. Chocolate cake is \_\_\_\_\_ than cheesecake.

4 The sun is hotter than the moon. The moon is \_\_\_\_\_ than the sun.

5 History is more boring than maths. History isn't as \_\_\_\_\_ maths.

## 5 Choose the correct words.



- 1 I went to the park with my *old* / *older* sister.
- 2 The English test was as *easy* / *easier* as the maths test.
- 3 My friend's house is *biggest* / *bigger* than mine.
- 4 My brother is *younger* / *more young* than me.
- 5 He plays the piano *better* / *well* than his sister.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the long adjectives in the box in their comparative form.

|             |             |                     |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| beautiful   | complicated | <del>exciting</del> |
| interesting | popular     |                     |

- 1 Badminton is boring. I think football is *more exciting*.
- 2 My mum's bike was .....  
than mine. It cost a lot of money.
- 3 Paris is a very attractive city. I think it is .....  
..... than Dublin!
- 4 Surfing the internet is .....  
than reading books. Reading books is boring.
- 5 Flying a plane is very difficult. It's .....  
..... than driving a car.
- 6 Football is a .....

#### 4 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 complicated / are / pizza / legs / Chicken / than /  
eat / to / more

*Chicken legs are more complicated to eat than pizza.*

- 2 healthier / a / meat / are / lot / of / than / Vegetables

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- 3 are / am / a / lot / than / grandparents / My / older / I

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- 4 famous / isn't / his / as / dad / actor / as / This

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- 5 bus / cheaper / is / train / The / than / the

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- 6 yours / meal / not / My / expensive / as / as / was

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