

Adjectives: Comparisons with As... as and Than

EXERCISE 1 SPELLING: REGULAR AND IRREGULAR COMPARATIVES

Write the comparative forms of the adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative
1. amazing	<u>more amazing</u>
2. bad	<u>worse</u>
3. big	<u>bigger</u>
4. careful	<u>more careful</u>
5. cheap	<u>cheaper</u>
6. comfortable	<u>more comfortable</u>
7. crowded	<u>more crowded</u>
8. delicious	<u>more delicious</u>
9. early	<u>earlier</u>
10. expensive	<u>more expensive</u>
11. far	<u>farther</u>
12. fresh	<u> fresher</u>
13. good	<u>better</u>
14. hot	<u>hotter</u>
15. noisy	<u>noisier</u>
16. relaxed	<u>more relaxed</u>
17. terrible	<u>worse</u>
18. traditional	<u>more traditional</u>
19. varied	<u>more varied</u>
20. wet	<u>wetter</u>

EXERCISE 2 COMPARISONS WITH AS... AS

Look at the information comparing two pizza restaurants. Complete the sentences with *just as... as* or *not as... as* and the correct form of the words in parentheses.

	PIZZA PALACE	JOE'S PIZZERIA
Year opened	2000	2000
Number of tables	40	20
Pizza size	12 inches	12 inches
Price of a cheese pizza	\$10.00	\$10.00
Choice of pizza toppings	15	7
Average waiting time for a table	10 minutes	5 minutes
Hours	noon-11:00 p.m. (7 days a week)	noon-8:00 p.m. (closed Mondays)
Atmosphere	★★	★
Service	★★	★★
Cleanliness	★★	★★
Food	★★	★★★

- The Pizza Palace is just as old as Joe's Pizzeria.
(old)
- Joe's Pizzeria is half as big as the Pizza Palace.
(big)
- A pizza from Joe's Pizzeria is the same size as the one from the Pizza Palace.
(big)
- The pizza at the Pizza Palace is the same price as the pizza at Joe's Pizzeria.
(expensive)
- The choice of toppings at Joe's Pizzeria is fewer than the choice at the Pizza Palace.
(varied)
- The waiting time at Joe's Pizzeria is half as long as it is at the Pizza Palace.
(long)
- The hours at Joe's Pizzeria are the same as the hours at the Pizza Palace.
(convenient)
- Closing hour at Joe's Pizzeria is the same as it is at the Pizza Palace.
(late)
- The atmosphere at Joe's Pizzeria is not as nice as it is at the Pizza Palace.
(nice)
- The service at Joe's Pizzeria is the same as the service at the Pizza Palace.
(good)
- Joe's Pizzeria is the same as the Pizza Palace.
(clean)
- The pizza at the Pizza Palace is the same as it is at Joe's Pizzeria.
(good)

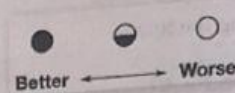
EXERCISE 3 COMPARATIVES WITH THAN

These conversations took place at the Pizza Palace. Complete the conversations with the correct form of the adjectives in parentheses. Use *than* when necessary.

1. A: Wow, this place has gotten really popular!
B: I know. It's even more popular than Joe's Pizzeria.
(popular)
2. A: I can't believe how long the line is!
B: Maybe we should come for an _____ dinner next time.
(early)
3. A: I prefer that table over there.
B: Me, too. It looks _____.
(comfortable)
4. A: Let's order pizza number 7—with spinach, mushrooms, and tomatoes.
B: OK. That sounds _____ the one with pepperoni and extra cheese.
(healthy)
5. A: Mmm. This pizza is delicious. It's _____ the traditional kind.
(interesting)
B: It is good, but I still think the pizza at Joe's is even _____ the pizza here. And Joe's ingredients always seem somewhat _____ to me.
(good) (fresh)
Anyhow, that's just my opinion.
6. A: Hey, is that Brian over there at that table?
B: No. Brian is much _____ that guy.
(tall)
7. A: It sure is noisy in here. It's probably _____ on weekends.
(bad)
B: But it's a lot _____ at Joe's! And the atmosphere is _____, too.
(quiet) (relaxed)
8. A: It's already 8:00.
B: Oh! I thought it was _____ that.
(late)
9. A: Do you ever make pizza yourself?
B: No. I buy it frozen. It's _____ just to pop it in the microwave.
(fast)
10. A: I really should buy a microwave oven.
B: You really should. It will make your life _____.
(easy)

EXERCISE 4 COMPARATIVES WITH THAN

Look at the chart comparing two microwave ovens. Complete the sentences with the appropriate comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses and *than*. Also, fill in the blanks with the brand—X or Y.



Brand	Price	Size (cubic ft.)	Weight (lbs.)	Defrosting	Heating	Speed	Noise
X	\$ 79	0.7	31	●	○	●	○
Y	\$ 65	0.9	36	○	●	●	●

- Brand X is more expensive than Brand Y.
(expensive)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(cheap)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(large)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(small)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(heavy)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(light)
- For defrosting food, Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(efficient)
- For heating food, Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(effective)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(fast)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(slow)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(noisy)
- Brand _____ is _____ Brand _____.
(quiet)
- In general, Brand _____ seems _____ Brand _____.
(good)
- In general, Brand _____ seems _____ Brand _____.
(bad)

EXERCISE 5 COMPARATIVES TO EXPRESS INCREASE OR DECREASE

Look at the chart. It shows some food trends (increases and decreases). Complete the statements about the trends. Use the comparative forms of the adjectives from the box to show an increase or a decrease, or a cause and effect. Use both *more* and *less*.

big cheap expensive good healthy heavy popular varied

	1995	2005	2015
1. cost of a slice of pizza	\$	\$\$	\$\$\$
2. cost of a microwave oven	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$
3. quality of frozen pizza	+	++	+++
4. restaurant portion size	+	++	+++
5. choice of pizza toppings	+	++	+++
6. popularity of fast food	+	++	+++
7. health quality of fast food	+++	++	+
8. weight of fast-food customers	+	++	+++

- A slice of pizza is getting more and more expensive.
- A microwave oven is getting _____.
- The quality of frozen pizza is getting _____.
- The size of portions in restaurants is getting _____.
- The choice of pizza toppings is getting _____.
- Fast food is becoming _____.
- It's also becoming _____.
- Fast-food customers are becoming _____.

EXERCISE 6 CAUSE AND EFFECT WITH TWO COMPARATIVES

Read the information. Write a similar sentence using two comparatives.

- When the pizza is salty, I get thirsty.

The saltier the pizza, the thirstier I get.

- When the ingredients are fresh, the food is good.

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3. When the restaurant is popular, the lines are long.

4. When the meal is enjoyable, the customers are satisfied.

5. When the selection is big, the customers are happy.

6. When it's late in the day, the servers get tired.

7. When the restaurant is crowded, the service is slow.

8. When the service is good, the tip is high.

EXERCISE 7 EDITING

Read the journal entry. There are eight mistakes in the use of comparisons. The first one is already corrected. Find and correct seven more.

I just got home from the Pizza Palace. Wow! The pizza there just keeps getting ^{better} ~~good~~ and better. And, of course, the better the food, the more long the lines, and the crowder the restaurant! But I don't really mind. It's totally worth it. Tonight, Ana and I shared a pizza with spinach, mushrooms, and fresher tomatoes. It was much more interesting as a traditional pizza with just tomato sauce and cheese. It's also healthier than. And the ingredients were as fresh than you can find anywhere in the city. (Although I usually think the pizza at Joe's Pizzeria is fresher.) It was so large that we couldn't finish it, so I brought the rest home. Actually, I'm getting hungry again just thinking about it. I think I'll pop a slice into the microwave and warm it up. It will probably taste almost as better as it tasted at the Pizza Palace!