

The Comparative Form of Adjectives and Adverbs:

Practice Exercise

Comparative Form of Adjectives and Adverbs (When **comparing 2:** persons, things, ideas, situations, or animals):

- Add **-er** at the end of **one-syllable** and **some two-syllable** adjectives or adverbs:

*hot – **hotter**

happy – **happier

*double the last consonant when preceded by vowel

**change the ending -'y' for '-i' then add '-er'

- Add **'more'** before **some two-syllable** and **three or more syllables** adjectives/adverbs. For example:

quickly – **more** quickly

difficult – **more** difficult

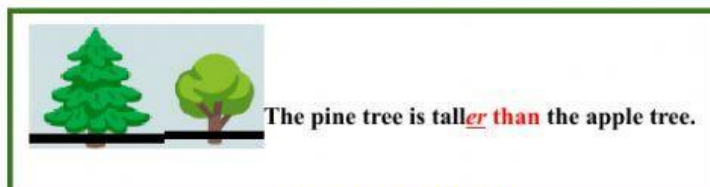
⇒ In sentences, we usually add the word **'than'** after the comparative form of the adjective or adverb. Example:

-He is **taller** **than** his brother.

-She drives **more** carefully **than** her husband.

⇒ Some adjectives and adverbs have an **irregular** comparative forms:

<u>Adjective/Adverb</u>	<u>Comparative Form</u>	<u>Adjective/Adverb</u>	<u>Comparative Form</u>
good -	better	bad -	worse
well -	better	badly -	worse
far -	farther/further	much -	more
little -	less		



Complete the sentences by selecting the correct **comparative form** of the adjective or adverb in parentheses.

- Those shoes are **prettier than** these ones. (pretty)
- Marissa is _____ I am. (young)
- Texas is _____ Arizona. (big)
- He is much _____ I expected. (old)
- This ESL textbook is _____ the one we studied before. (good)
- Roses are _____ carnations. (attractive)
- The temperature this winter is _____ last winter's temperature. (cold)
- Cooking is _____ sewing. (easy)
- This old couch is _____ the new one. (comfortable)
- The little brother works _____ (hard) his _____ brother (old).
- During the volleyball game, the mothers seemed to be _____ their daughters. (energetic)
- Dogs are _____ cats. (smart).
- These jeans are _____ the t-shirts. (cheap).
- Apartments' rentals in Brooklyn are _____ rentals in The Bronx. (expensive)
- The food tastes _____ this time. (good)
- Planes fly _____ birds. (high)
- Dr. Rani's office is _____ down the block. (far)
- Nashla gets to school _____ her sister Rosemary. (early)
- That dress is _____ this one. (beautiful)
- Frankie's pitch this season was _____ last season's. (bad)

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