

Comparison- Comparative and Superlative forms

Comparatives are words (adjectives and adverbs) that end in **-er** (bigger, richer, faster).

We use comparatives to look for the difference(s) in meaning between two or more things, people, ideas, or animals

Examples:

His car is **bigger than** my car.

(We compare his car with my car)

Peter is **better** at math **than** Malee.

(We compare Peter's ability in math with Malee's ability)

Some more comparatives

My father is **older than** my mother.

(we compare the age)

The living room is **cleaner than** the basement.

(we compare the cleanness)

The Thai weather is **hotter than** the German weather.

(we compare the heat)

The bathroom is **smaller than** the attic.

(we compare the size)

The food in the south is **spicier than** in the north.

(we compare the taste)

How do we make comparatives? (bigger, richer, faster etc.)

1. Short adjectives-

*We add **-er** to the end of shorter adjectives (adjective with only one syllable)

Syllable: any one of the parts into which a word is naturally divided when it is pronounced (won-der-ful)

Example: small- **smaller**

If they end in **-e, than only add **-r**

Example: late - later

***If the adjective ends with **-y** and there is **no vowel before**, we take of the 'y' and add **-ier**.

Example: happy- happier

Exercise 1

1. John is _____ (rude) than his brother Paul.
2. His new sound boxes are _____ (loud) than mine.
3. Peter's knife is _____ (sharp) than my father's knife.
4. She works much _____ (quick) than her co-worker.
5. The road to Chiang Mai is _____ (safe) than the road to Mae Rim.
6. Ria is a much _____ (nice) woman than her sister Anna.
7. The turtle walks _____ (slow) than the dog.
8. This joke is _____ (funny) than your story.
9. Our street is _____ (noisy) than the main street in town.

Long Adjectives (more than one syllable)

A. We use '**more**' before adjectives when these words are long

His car is **more** beautiful **than** my car.

Won-der-ful - **more** wonderful **than**....

Example: Roses are more wonderful than tulips.

Irregulars:

Good- better than....

Bad- worse than....

Far- further than....

Exercise 2:

1. Germany is _____ (big) than Holland and Belgium together.
2. The motorcycle he bought is _____ (expensive) than my car.
3. Your coffee is _____ (cold) than mine .
4. I think Berlin is _____ (beautiful) than London .
. Many foods are _____ (healthy) and _____ (good) than food.
5. junk
6. The new motorcycle is much _____ (fast) than the old one .
7. Women seem to be _____ (thoughtful) than men .
8. A horse is _____ (short) than a giraffe .
9. The biggest snake discovered was _____ (long) than a bus .
10. Maria's elder sister is _____ (tall) than her.

Writing-

Choose two animals. Write 3-4 comparative sentences. Compare their size, age, height, and weight. Use the examples above.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____