



Comparatives: short adjectives

Short adjectives	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ er	long → longer short → shorter small → smaller
Ending in -e	+ r	large → larger nice → nicer
Ending in a consonant + y	-y → -i + er	heavy → heavier happy → happier funny → funnier
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + er	big → bigger fat → fatter thin → thinner



Comparatives: Long adjectives

Use the word **more** to make the comparative form.

Long adjectives	Examples
Most two-syllable adjectives which do not end in -y	Mary is more polite than Cindy. Tom is more helpful than Peter.
All adjectives of three syllables or more	Candy is more hard-working than Maggie. Joe is more good-looking than Tom.

1. Vegetables are _____ for your health _____ crisps. (good)
2. Travelling by plane is _____ travelling by train. (expensive)
3. Avatar is _____ Prince of Persia. (interesting)
4. I work _____ my sister. (hard)
5. German is _____ Spanish. (difficult)
6. Our car is _____ and _____ yours. (big, safe)
7. This week it is _____ last week. (cold)
8. Dogs are _____ any other pets. (smart)
9. Your project was _____ Jack's. (nice)
10. My cousin, Ben, is _____ my brother. (funny)

One-syllable adjectives	long - longer	tall - taller
	straight - straighter	large - larger
	big - bigger	hot - hotter
Two-syllable adjectives	honest - more honest	famous - more famous
	happy - happier	crazy - crazier
	narrow - narrower	gentle - gentler
Three or more syllables	expensive - more expensive	dangerous - more dangerous
	popular - more popular	beautiful - more beautiful
	confident - more confident	difficult - more difficult
Irregular adjectives	good - better	many - more
	bad - worse	little - less
	far - farther	far - further