

# COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

— To compare people, things or situations we use the **comparative** form of adjectives.

Now study the following table:

	Comparative of Superiority	Comparative of Equality	Comparative of Inferiority
<b>Short Adjectives</b>	- <b>er</b> than	<b>as</b> + adj + <b>as</b>	<b>less</b> + adj + than
<b>Long Adjectives</b>	<b>more</b> + adj + than	<b>as</b> + adj + <b>as</b>	<b>less</b> + adj + than

**Good** — better than;

**Bad** — worse than;

**Far** — further than or farther than

## 1. Spelling Rules:

a) 1 syllable ending in **e**:

**large**: ADJ. + R + THAN - *larger than*.

b) 1 syllable (cons. + vowel + cons.)

**fat**: DOUBLE CONSONANT ADJ. + ER + THAN - *fatter than*.

c) 2-syllables adjectives ending in y

**lucky**: ADJ. + IER + THAN - *luckier than*.

d) 2-syllable adjectives stressed on the first syllable or ending in **-ow**, **-er** and **-le**

**common, narrow, clever, simple**: ER + THAN or

MORE + ADJ. + THAN - *simpler than* or *more simple than*.



1. Match the situations with the comparative they represent:

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| <p>1. Speaking English fluently is more important than people think. _____</p> <p>2. American English is less formal than British English. _____</p> <p>3. Speaking English is as important as speaking one's native tongue. _____</p> | <p>4. The number of native Chinese speakers is larger than the number of native English speakers. _____</p> <p>a) Comparative of Equality;<br/>b) Comparative of Superiority;<br/>c) Comparative Inferiority.</p> |
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2. Put the adjectives in brackets in the comparative form:

- a) In the EU there is a \_\_\_\_\_ (**great**) variety of official languages \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA. (superiority)
- b) Most foreigners find learning Portuguese \_\_\_\_\_ (**difficult**) learning English. (equality).
- c) In the EU some languages are \_\_\_\_\_ (**important**) others. (superiority).
- d) Portuguese is spoken by a \_\_\_\_\_ (**large**) number of people \_\_\_\_\_ Arabic. (superiority).
- e) In some American states, Spanish is \_\_\_\_\_ (**widespread**) English. (equality).
- f) Native speakers are \_\_\_\_\_ (**tolerant**) towards foreign languages \_\_\_\_\_ non-native speakers. (inferiority).

3. Write sentences using the comparative of superiority:

1. English — Spanish (**widespread**)  
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2. London — Madrid (**cold**)  
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3. China — Portugal (**big**)  
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4. The USA — Sudan (**rich**)

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5. Portuguese food — Japanese food (**good**)

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6. New York City— Brussels (**cosmopolitan**)

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