Unit 88

older than ... more expensive than ...

A

She's **taller than** him.

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** the Grand.

We use **than** after comparatives (**older than** ... / **more expensive than** ... etc.):

- Athens is **older than** Rome.
- Are oranges **more expensive than** bananas?
- It's **easier** to take a taxi **than** to take the bus.
- 'How are you today?' 'Not bad. **Better than** yesterday.'
- The restaurant is **more crowded than** usual.

B

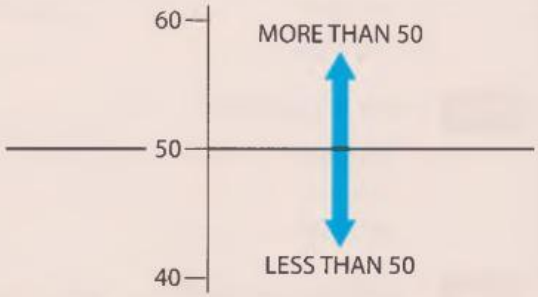
We usually say: than **me** / than **him** / than **her** / than **us** / than **them**.
You can say:

- I can run faster **than him**. *or* I can run faster **than he can**.
- You are a better singer **than me**. *or* You are a better singer **than I am**.
- I got up earlier **than her**. *or* I got up earlier **than she did**.

C

more/less than ...

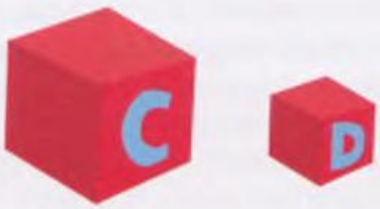
- A: How much did your shoes cost? £60?
  B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £60)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They have **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.



D

a bit older / much older etc.

Box A is **a bit bigger** than Box B.



Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

a bit **much**	bigger older better more difficult more expensive	than ...

- Canada is **much bigger** than France.
- Sue is **a bit older** than Joe – she's 25 and he's 24.
- The hotel was **much more expensive** than I expected.
- You go out **much more** than me.

old → older, expensive → more expensive ➜ Unit 87 **not as ... as** ➜ Unit 89

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Exercises

88.1 Write sentences about Kate and Ben. Use **than**.

Kate

1 I'm 26.
2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
3 I'm 1 metre 68 tall.
4 I start work at 8 o'clock.
5 I don't work very hard.
6 I don't have much money.
7 I'm a very good driver.
8 I'm not very patient.
9 I'm not a very good dancer.
10 I'm very intelligent.
11 I speak French very well.
12 I don't go to the cinema very much.

Ben

1 I'm 24.
2 I'm a very good swimmer.
3 I'm 1 metre 63 tall.
4 I start work at 8.30.
5 I work very hard.
6 I have a lot of money.
7 I'm not a very good driver.
8 I'm very patient.
9 I'm a good dancer.
10 I'm not very intelligent.
11 I don't speak French very well.
12 I go to the cinema a lot.

1 Kate *is older than Ben*.
2 Ben *is a better swimmer than Kate*.
3 Kate is .....
4 Kate starts ..... Ben.
5 Ben .....
6 Ben has .....
7 Kate is a .....
8 Ben .....
9 Ben .....
10 Kate .....
11 Kate .....
12 Ben .....

88.2 Complete the sentences. Use **than**.

1 He isn't very tall. You're *taller than him (OR taller than he is)*
2 She isn't very old. You're .....
3 I don't work very hard. You work .....
4 He doesn't watch TV very much. You .....
5 I'm not a very good cook. You .....
6 We don't know many people. You .....
7 They don't have much money. You .....
8 I can't run very fast. You can .....
9 She hasn't been here very long. You .....
10 They didn't get up very early. You .....
11 He wasn't very surprised. You .....

88.3 Complete the sentences with **a bit** or **much** + comparative (**older/better** etc.).

1 Emma is 25. Joe is $24\frac{1}{2}$.
Emma *is a bit older than Joe*
2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.
Jack's mother .....
3 My camera cost £120. Yours cost £112.
My camera .....
4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.
I feel .....
5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 10 degrees.
It's .....
6 Sarah is an excellent tennis player. I'm not a very good player.
Sarah .....

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