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Science is easier than math.

Grammar Station



Adjectives: Comparatives

- ★ We use **comparative adjectives** to compare two people or things.
- ★ We add **-er** or **more** to adjectives to make comparatives.
- ★ We also put **than** after comparatives.

		Adjective	Comparative
most adjectives	+ -er	old young cheap	older younger cheaper
adjectives ending in -e	+ -r	large nice wide	larger nicer wider
adjectives ending in a vowel + a consonant	double consonant + -er	big hot thin	bigger hotter thinner
adjectives ending in -y	y + -ier	happy heavy busy	happier heavier busier
adjectives with two or more syllables	more +	exciting handsome expensive	more exciting more handsome more expensive
irregular		good bad	better worse



The tower is **taller than** the building.
The building is **shorter than** the tower.



Science is **easier than** math.
Math is **more difficult than** science.

Circle the correct comparatives.

1. **larger** / largeer
2. hotter / more hotter
3. more good / better
4. beautifuler / more beautiful
5. expensive / more expensive
6. badder / worse

A Circle the correct words.

1. My younger brother is (strong / stronger) than I am.
2. Is English (more difficult / more difficulter) than Spanish?
3. The green sweater is (good / better) than the gray one.
4. Soccer is (popularer / more popular) than baseball in England.

B Write the comparatives.

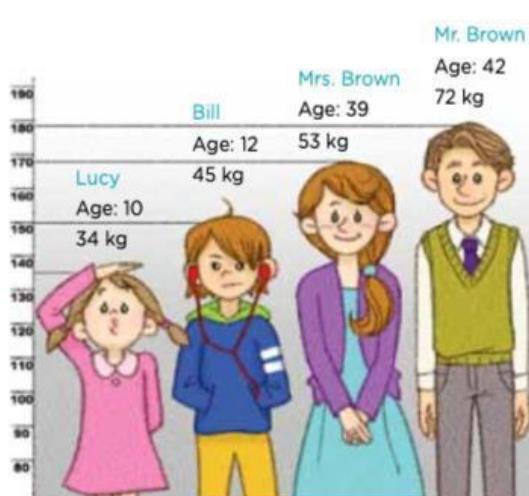
1. long	<u>longer</u>	2. heavy	<u>heavier</u>
3. hot	<u>hotter</u>	4. useful	<u>more useful</u>
5. bad	<u>worse</u>	6. interesting	<u>more interesting</u>
7. good	<u>better</u>	8. wide	<u>wider</u>

C Complete the sentences using comparatives.

1.  (slow / fast)
The snail is slower than the tortoise.
The tortoise is faster than the snail.
2.  (small / big)
Mars is smaller than Earth.
Earth is bigger than Mars.
3.  (expensive / cheap)
The red jacket is more expensive than the blue one.
The blue jacket is cheaper than the red one.
4.  (difficult / easy)
Science is more difficult than history.
History is easier than science.

Practice

A Complete the sentences using comparatives.



1. (tall)

Mr. Brown is taller than Mrs. Brown.

2. (young)

Mrs. Brown is younger than Mr. Brown.

3. (old)

Bill is older than Lucy.

4. (heavy)

Lucy is not heavier than Bill.

5. (short)

Bill is shorter than Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

B Choose and complete the sentences using comparatives.

expensive

exciting

hot

thin

~~long~~

1. Last year, Tom's hair was longer than now.

2. Snowboarding is more exciting than skiing to me.

3. It is very hot today. It is hotter than yesterday.

4. Christine is thinner than her younger sister.

5. I like this sweater better, but it's more expensive than.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. Alaska is largeer than Hawaii.

→ Alaska is larger than Hawaii.

2. Emails are convenienter than letters.

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3. Lewis is more strong than Bob.

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4. This week is busyer than last week.

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Grammar in Writing



When you write a comparative essay, you can explain both the similarities and differences using comparatives.

★ Complete the comparative essay using comparatives.



Dogs and Cats

Both dogs and cats are popular pets. There are some differences between them.

Dogs need bigger and (big) spaces than cats. Cats are (happy) in small spaces. They are also (clean) than dogs.

Generally, dogs are (kind) and (friendly) than cats. Cats are shy, independent, and (quiet) than dogs. People can train dogs because they are (smart) and more loyal than cats.

Dogs will never leave their owners.



Review!

Complete the chart.

Adjective	Comparative	Adjective	Comparative	Adjective	Comparative
big	bigger	large		beautiful	
pretty		high		dangerous	
hot		early		useful	
heavy		good		difficult	
easy		bad		exciting	