

Unit 6 Mix and Mash

Adjectives: Comparing two or more things

We use the comparative form to compare two people, animals or things. We often use the word *than* after the comparative form.

She's faster than me.

This new sport is more interesting than basketball.

We can use two comparative statements one after the other to compare more than two things.

Cricket is a faster sport than bowls, but it is slower than football.

To make the comparative form of adjectives with one syllable, we add the ending *-er*.

fast → *faster*

When the adjective ends in:

- *-e*, add *-r*.

close → *closer*

- *-y*, take off the *-y* and add *-ier*.

early → *earlier*

- a vowel + consonant, double the last consonant and add *-er*.

big → *bigger*

We use the word *more* with some two-syllable and with three-syllable (and longer) adjectives.

interesting → *more interesting*

Some two-syllable adjectives have two comparative forms.

simple → *simpler/more simple*

clever → *cleverer/more clever*

Some adjectives are irregular and do not follow these rules.

good → *better*

bad → *worse*

We also use *less* and *as ... as* to make comparative statements.

Basketball is less exciting than rugby.

Football is as fun as hockey.

1 Write the comparative form of each word.

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| 1. active | _____ | 7. traditional | _____ |
| 2. strong | _____ | 8. healthy | _____ |
| 3. popular | _____ | 9. boring | _____ |
| 4. frightening | _____ | 10. delicious | _____ |
| 5. easy | _____ | 11. weird | _____ |
| 6. difficult | _____ | 12. cool | _____ |