

COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

Adjective	Comparative
One syllable	
slow →	slower
Two syllables with consonant + -y	
healthy →	healthier
Two syllables or more	
beautiful →	more beautiful
Irregular	
good →	better
bad →	worse
far →	farther/further

- We use comparative adjectives to compare two things (see *Spelling*).
*Water is usually **cheaper** than cola.*
- We usually use **than** after comparative adjectives.
*Vegetables are **healthier** than biscuits.*

Spelling

- **One-syllable adjectives:**
 - mostly add **-er**.
small → smaller, cheap → cheaper
 - One-syllable adjectives ending in **-e**, add **-r**.
nice → nicer, late → later
 - One-syllable adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant (except **w, x** or **y**), double the consonant and add **-er**.
big → bigger, fat → fatter
- **Two-syllable adjectives** ending in consonant + **-y** change the **-y** to **-i** and add **-er**.
busy → busier, happy → happier
- **Two or more syllables** add **more**.
expensive → more expensive

2 Write the comparative form of the adjectives.

1 long _____

2 healthy _____

3 short _____

4 exciting _____

5 hot _____

6 popular _____

2 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 My maths teacher is _____ (young) than my geography teacher.
- 2 I think playing football is _____ (interesting) than watching it.
- 3 Exercise 2 is _____ (easy) than Exercise 3.
- 4 My house is _____ (far) from school than yours.
- 5 A mango is _____ (big) than a strawberry.

3 Write complete sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

expensive fast good hot

0 The blue T-shirt is £10. The red T-shirt is £15.

The red T-shirt is more expensive than the blue T-shirt.

1 It's 2 hours by train. It's 2 hours 45 minutes by bus.

The train is _____.

2 It's 25°C in London today. It's 33°C in Istanbul.

Istanbul is _____.

3 The pizza wasn't bad. The burger was very bad.

The pizza was _____.

3 Complete the sentences with the comparative adjectives below.

longer healthier shorter more exciting hotter more popular

- 1 Football is a _____ sport than tennis in most countries.
- 2 It's _____ in summer in the south of Italy than in the south of England.
- 3 Trousers are _____ than shorts.
- 4 I'm _____ than my sister. She's very tall!
- 5 I love video games. They are _____ than watching boring TV.
- 6 Fruit and vegetables are _____ than sweets and cakes.

3 Complete the sentences with the comparative adjectives in Exercise 2.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first sentence.

0 Pizza isn't as healthy as salad. Salad is healthier than pizza.

1 New York is bigger than San Francisco. San Francisco isn't _____ as New York.

2 My bike is cleaner than your bike. Your bike is _____ than my bike.

3 Cheesecake isn't as nice as chocolate cake. Chocolate cake is _____ than cheesecake.

4 The sun is hotter than the moon. The moon is _____ than the sun.

5 History is more boring than maths. History isn't as _____ maths.

5 Choose the correct words.



- 1 I went to the park with my *old* / *older* sister.
- 2 The English test was as *easy* / *easier* as the maths test.
- 3 My friend's house is *biggest* / *bigger* than mine.
- 4 My brother is *younger* / *more young* than me.
- 5 He plays the piano *better* / *well* than his sister.

- 3 Complete the sentences with the long adjectives in the box in their comparative form.

beautiful	complicated	~~exciting~~
interesting	popular	

- 1 Badminton is boring. I think football is more exciting.
- 2 My mum's bike was
than mine. It cost a lot of money.
- 3 Paris is a very attractive city. I think it is
..... than Dublin!
- 4 Surfing the internet is
than reading books. Reading books is boring.
- 5 Flying a plane is very difficult. It's
..... than driving a car.
- 6 Football is a

4 Put the words in order to make sentences.

- 1 complicated / are / pizza / legs / Chicken / than /
eat / to / more

Chicken legs are more complicated to eat than pizza.

- 2 healthier / a / meat / are / lot / of / than / Vegetables

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- 3 are / am / a / lot / than / grandparents / My / older / I

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- 4 famous / isn't / his / as / dad / actor / as / This

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- 5 bus / cheaper / is / train / The / than / the

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- 6 yours / meal / not / My / expensive / as / as / was

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