

Presentation

Use the comparative form to compare two things.

Adjective	Comparative
young	younger
fast	faster
beautiful	more beautiful
expensive	more expensive

Regular adjectives

Add *-er* to short adjectives: *younger, faster ...*

Use *more* with long adjectives: *more beautiful, more expensive ...*

Irregular adjectives

Some adjectives are irregular.

Adjective	Comparative
good	better
bad	worse

than

You often use *than* after the comparative adjective: *My car is faster than your car.*

Key spelling rules

- Double the last consonant + *-er* for some one-syllable adjectives: *hot → hotter, big → bigger ...*
- Change *y* to *i*: *happy → happier, angry → angrier ...*

Key vocabulary **Adjectives:** young/old, fast/slow, cheap/expensive, big/small, good/bad, hot/cold, long/short, tall/short, boring/interesting, dangerous, safe, beautiful, happy (*short* is the opposite of *long* and *tall*)

Exercises

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

- 1 Your car is faster (fast) than mine.
- 2 My brother is (old) than me.
- 3 I can buy a laptop – they're (cheap) now.
- 4 A car is (expensive) than a bike.
- 5 South Africa is (hot) than Iceland.
- 6 I speak good English, but hers is (good).
- 7 It's (easy) to do shopping online.
- 8 You are (beautiful) than ever!
- 9 It's (safe) to travel by train than by car.

2 Look at the pictures and write comparative sentences.

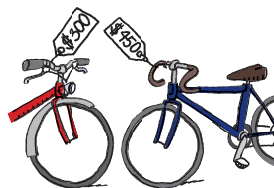
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- 1 motorbike / fast / bicycle
A motorbike is faster than a bicycle.

- 2 she / tall / him

- 3 blue bike / expensive / red bike

- 4 her book / interesting / his book

3 Read the sentences. Then write two sentences to compare the information.

- 1 Karen's twenty-nine. Tom's thirty.
Karen's younger than Tom. Tom's older than Karen.
- 2 The Mississippi River is 3,733 kilometres. The Amazon River is 6,712 kilometres.
- 3 My flat is 1,000 m². Your house is 1,500 m².
- 4 Today, the temperature in Rome is 21°C. London is 5°C.