



ENGLISH

Chapter 16 Session B

2nd

SECONDARY

WISE SPENDING
Comparatives



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Comparatives

1 Look at the sentences in the table below.

It's **more intelligent** to save money early.

Some gaming consoles are **faster** and **better** than others.

Second-hand games are often much **cheaper** than new products.

8GB memory cards are **more expensive** than 1GB cards.

- 2** Complete the rules as to the use of comparative adjectives. Use the words in the box below.

-er irregular *than*
people, things and places *more* *good*

- a** We use comparative adjectives to compare people, things and places.
- b** We usually add -er to short adjectives.
- c** We add more to long adjectives.
- d** *Better* is an irregular comparative. The corresponding adjective is good.
- e** We add than after the comparative adjective.

3 Check the meaning of the adjectives below and write the comparative forms. Use the spelling rules on page 102 to help you.

- a heavy heavier
- b far further/farther
- c large larger
- d rich richer
- e fat fatter
- f bad worse
- g old older
- h intelligent more intelligent

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

- a In the U.S., many soft drinks are cheaper (cheap) than mineral water.
- b Gold is more expensive (expensive) than silver.
- c The U.S. is older (old) than Canada.
- d A full-time job is more tiring (tiring) than a part-time job.
- e Getting a small allowance is better (good) than nothing.

- 5 Use some of the adjectives in the box to compare the items below.

expensive fast funny friendly
interesting quiet small

- a cars / bicycles

Cars are faster than bicycles.

- b a cell phone / a laptop

A cell phone is smaller than a laptop.

- c a dog / a cat

A dog is friendlier than a cat

- d a village / a city

A village is quieter than a city.

6 Use the clues provided to write affirmative or negative sentences about you. Use comparatives.

- a** Saving to shop for clothes / interesting / saving to buy books.

Saving to shop for clothes is /isn't more interesting than saving to buy books.

- b** The cell phone I want to buy / cheap / than a bike.

The cellphone I want to buy is/isn't cheaper than a bike.

- c** New cheap clothes / nice / second-hand items.

New cheap clothes are/aren't nicer than second-hand items.

- d** Spending at a mall / expensive / at a regular store.


Spending at a mall is/isn't more expensive than at a regular store.

PRONUNCIATION

Comparative *-er* /əɪ/


1  58 Listen and repeat.

heavier larger newer smaller

2  59 Listen to the sentences and repeat.

a My bedroom's **smaller** than his bedroom.

b My bicycle's **heavier** than his bicycle.

- 7  **INTERFACE** Work in pairs. Compare your sentences in activity 5.

Cars are more expensive than bicycles, don't you think?

Personal answer

Sure! And they're faster, too.

(not) as ... as

- 8** Look at the sentences in the chart below.
What do they indicate?

(not) as ... as

Spending money is **not as good as** saving.

Buying new clothes is **as interesting as** buying second-hand items.

In my town, earning money walking dogs is **as popular as** washing cars.

In my opinion, buying something you don't need is **not as intelligent as** saving for something really important.

- 9 Look at the sentences in activity 8 again and underline the correct information to complete the rules.
- a *As ... as* is used to show that two things are **the same** / **different**.
 - b *Not as ... as* is used to show that two things are **the same** / **different**.
 - c The adjective used **doesn't change** / **changes**.

10 Complete the information about mountain bikes and road bikes. Use *as ... as* or *not as ... as* and the adjectives in parentheses.

Mountain Bikes vs Road Bikes

The road bike is **a** not as appropriate for tough terrain **b** as the mountain bike (appropriate / negative). A mountain bike is **c** not as lightweight as a road bike (lightweight / negative). The tires of a road bike are **d** Not as thick as those of a mountain bike (thick / negative). Mountain bikes are **e** not as fast as road bikes (fast / negative). Depending on what your riding plans are, buying a road bike is **f** as interesting as a mountain bike (interesting / affirmative). Mountain bikes are **g** as nice as road bikes (nice / affirmative).





LISTENING

Allowance





Listen to Madelyn, Gus and Kylie.
Answer the questions for each speaker.

- a How much allowance do you get?

Madelyn: \$5 week Kylie: \$20 a week or \$80 a month

Gus: \$40 a month

- b Do you buy your own clothes with this money?

Madelyn: no

Kylie: yes


Gus: no

- c Do you have a part-time job?

Madelyn: no

Kylie: yes

Gus: no

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Listen again and complete the sentences with the numbers.

12 10 30 32

- a** Madelyn's friend earns \$ 32 at her uncle's store.
- b** Gus would like to save \$ 10 a month.
- c** Gus's best friend earns \$ 30 a month
- d** Kylie goes babysitting and earns \$ 12 an hour.

3 Answer the questions.

a How often does Madelyn go shopping?

She goes shopping once a month.

b Why can't she get a part-time job?

Mom says she is too young.

c How does Gus get his clothes?

His cousins are older and give him their old clothes.

d What job does his best friend have?

He has the best job in the world. He walks his grandmother's dog.

e What does Kylie spend her money on?

She buys clothes, concert , movies.

f How often does she babysit her neighbor's son?

She babysits her neighbor's son about once a month.



Comparatives

1 Write the words.

adjective

rich

a fat

b large

c heavy

d bad

e far

f expensive

g old

h intelligent

comparative

richer

fatter

larger

heavier

worse

further/farther

more expensive

older

more intelligent

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

A \$1 coin is heavier than a half-dollar coin.

(heavy)

- a My feet are _____ than my dad's feet. (small)
- b Are video games _____ than DVDs? (cheap)
- c Is math _____ than history? (difficult)
- d Modern bicycles are _____ than old bicycles. (fast)
- e A £50 bill is _____ than a £5 bill. (big)
- f People say dogs are _____ friends than people. (good)

- 3 Look at the picture and complete the text with the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

expensive good intelligent long
~~old~~ rich small young

Hi! I'm James and this is my family. My dad is Alan and my mom is Clare. I have two brothers, Harry and Nathan. Harry is 18 and Nathan is 16. Harry is older than Nathan,

but Nathan is tall for his age. Harry is a smaller than him, but he has a b longer hair! I'm only 12, so I'm c younger than all of them.

I think they're very intelligent, but I'm d more intelligent than them when it comes to some activities. For example, I'm e better at the piano than my brothers. My dad's brother, Uncle John, has a lot of money – he's f richer than my dad. His car was g more expensive than our car. It's very fast!





**Thank you
for your attention**