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**Summary**: Free comparative forms in british and american english pdf download - seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject english - grammar style working technique grade 2 3 language english abstract first the development of adjective forms of comparison should be clarified from the old english untill nowadays to explain the shifts of comparative structures in two national standards the major change in the development of comparative formation across time span is the shift in american english from synthetic to analytic comparatives the standard english shows another pattern of development the change from analytic to synthetic comparatives secondly the major differences between british and american varieties in the usage of adjective forms should be explained focusing on the syllabic structure and frequency of adjectives it will be shown that american english prefers more analytic comparatives than british english additionally american variety uses fewer comparatives of both synthetic and analytic kind than british variety gonzalez-diaz 2008 hilpert 2007 mondorf 2009 kyto and romaine 2000 moreover the investigation of different text types and complexity of those texts will help to explain the difference in usage of adjective comparison between two national standards finally the development of american english in relation to british english will be outlined in most cases american english develops independently from british english in terms of adjective formation american variety prefers innovations whereas british variety tends to preserve older features this supports the idea that american english does not follow the steps of british english in terms of comparative structure change so to regard the american variety as an instance of colonial lag should be misleading a better understanding of these issues will be presented in the following pages

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