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Week 12

Last week, we learnt

- **Adjectives**
- **Adverbs of manner**
- **Adjectives vs Adverbs**

Week 13

This week, we will learn

- The comparative adjectives

Adjectives

Remember!

Adjectives are words that give **more information** about something or someone:

safe place

big car

happy family

beautiful house

interesting book

comfortable chair



Comparative Adjectives

What are comparative adjectives

- A comparative adjective is an adjective that compares two things, two people or two places.
- It tells which one is '**more**'...



We sometimes add **-r**, **-er**, **-ier** to the end of the adjective and we sometimes add **more** before the adjective

Comparative Adjectives

Spelling rules : -r, -er, ier

	Adjective	Comparative
One syllable adjective	<i>old</i>	add -er <i>older</i>
One syllable ending in -e	<i>nice</i>	add -r <i>nicer</i>
One syllable adjective ending in a consonant vowel consonant	<i>hot</i>	double last consonant and add -er <i>hotter</i>
Two syllables ending in -y	<i>happy</i>	remove the -y and add -ier <i>happier</i>
Two or more syllables	<i>boring</i>	more + adjective <i>more boring</i>
Common exceptions	<i>good</i> <i>bad</i> <i>far</i>	<i>better</i> <i>worse</i> <i>further</i>

Practice: Write the comparative forms of these adjectives in the correct circles.

bad	beautiful	cheap	cold	comfortable	difficult	dirty	dry
far	good	high	hungry	sad	thin	wet	

1 syllable = + er

cheaper
colder
higher

1 vowel + 1 consonant =
double consonant + er

sadder
thinner
wetter

1 or 2 syllables ending in y =
+ ier

dirtier
drier
hungrier

2 or more syllables =
more + adjective

more beautiful
more comfortable
more difficult

irregular

worse
further / farther
better

Comparative Adjectives

Examples

- Helen wants a *bigger* car.
- The red coat is OK, but I think the blue one is *nicer*.
- Rome is old, but Athens is *older*.
- You must be *more careful*.
- I want to do something *more interesting*.

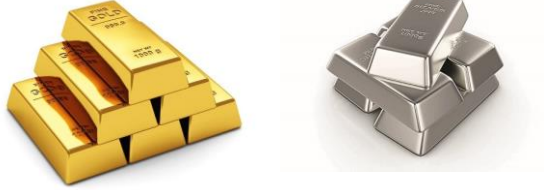
Comparative Adjectives

Using “than”

- *When we use comparative adjectives in sentences, we often use them together with the word **than** in order to connect the two people or things we are comparing. For example, we say:*
- Athens is **older than** Rome. Athens is ~~older~~ Rome.
- I think the blue coat is **nicer than** the red coat.
- Your idea isn't very good. My idea is **better than** your idea .
- Ankara is **more crowded than** Eskişehir.

Comparative Adjectives

Examples



Gold is **more expensive** **than** silver.



Time is **more important** **than** money.



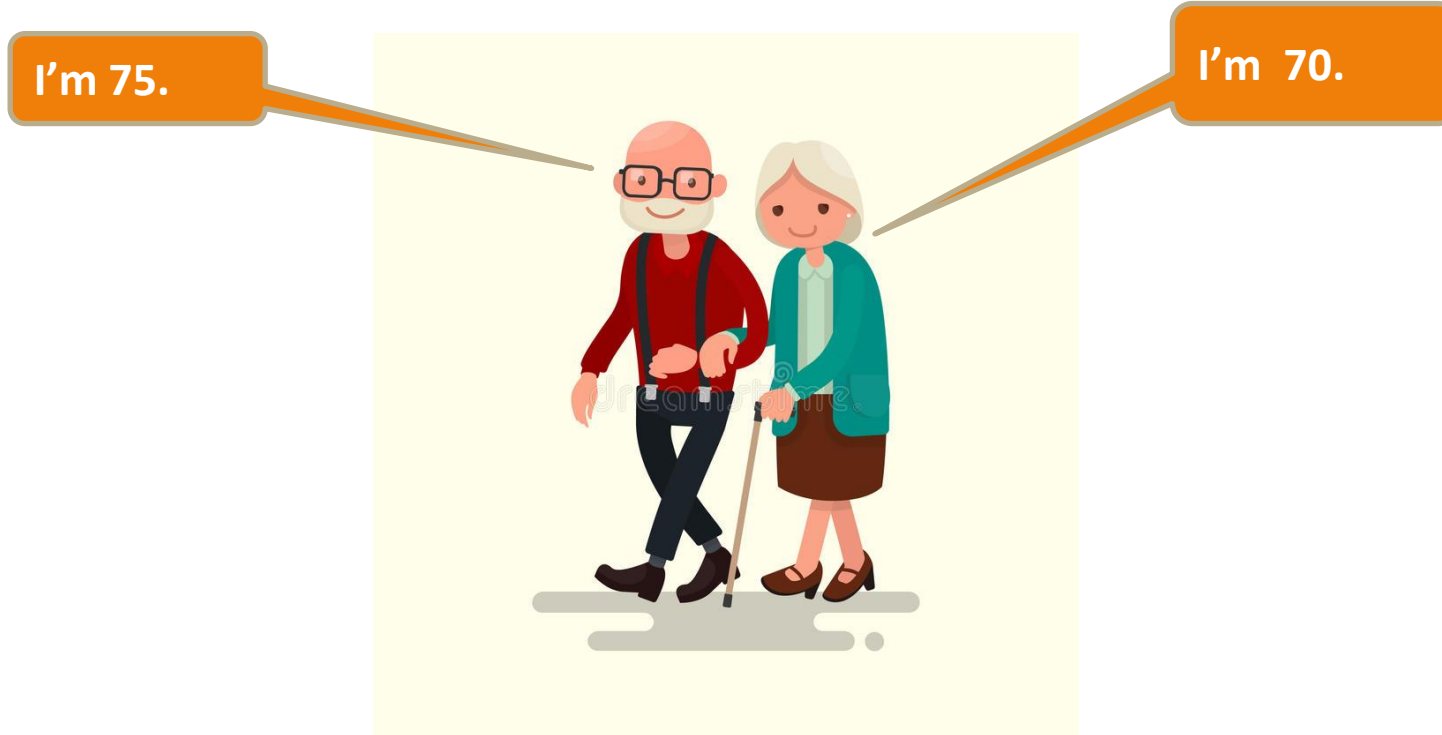
Nick is **taller** **than** Sam.



My car is **faster** **than** your car.

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Examples



The woman is **old**. The man is **older than** the woman.

The woman is **old**, but she is **younger than** the man.

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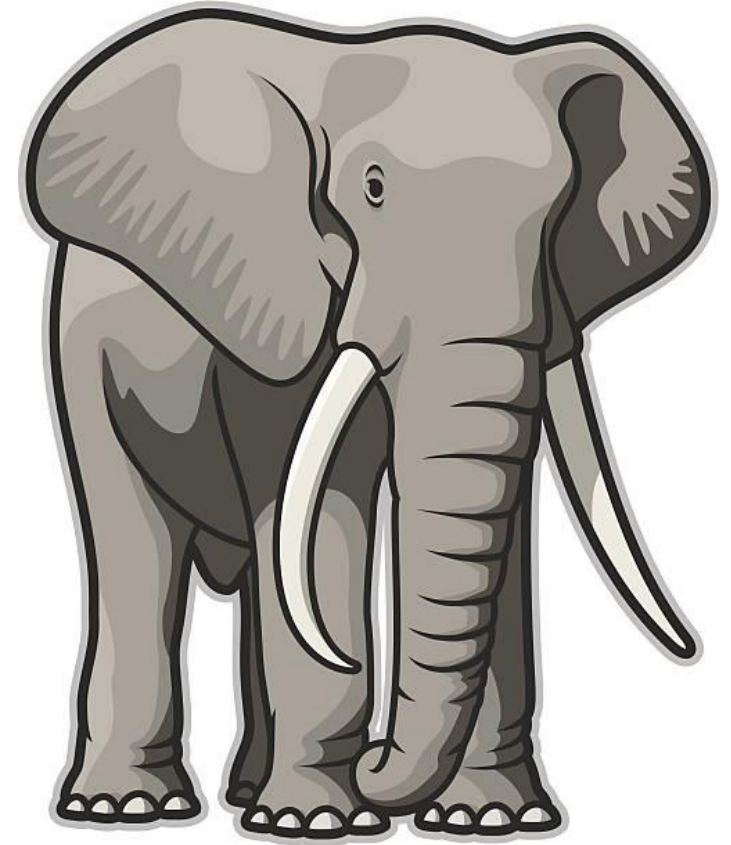
Examples



The polar bear is **big**.

The elephant is **bigger than** the polar bear.

The polar bear is **big**, but it is **smaller than** the elephant.



Comparative Adjectives

Write a comparative adjective

Dante – 14

Emmie – 14



Lenie – 6

Emmie is older than Lenie.

Lenie is younger than Dante.

Comparative Adjectives

Write a comparative adjective

Dante – 140 cm

Emmie – 120 cm



Lenie – 90 cm

Dante is taller than Lenie.

Lenie is shorter than Emmie.

Comparative Adjectives

Practice: Circle the correct one

1. Life is faster / more fast than before.
2. Traffic in cities is more bad / worse than it was.
3. Everybody is busyer / busier than they were five years ago.
4. We are more stressed / stresseder than our grandparents were.
5. New York is expensiver / more expensive than Miami.

Comparative Adjectives

Practice: Write sentences with a comparative adjective. Write '*than*' where necessary

1. Modern computers are much faster than the early ones. (fast)
2. My sister is shorter than me. (short)
3. This exercise is easier than the last one. (easy)
4. A tiger is bigger than a cat, but smaller than an elephant. (big / small)
5. I thought the third Bridget Jones film was worse than the first two. (bad)
6. I'm more stressed this year than I was last year. (stressed)
7. The new airport is farther / further than the old one. (far)

Practice: Choose the best alternative.

1) Skyscrapers are _____ than apartment buildings.

A) taller

B) tall

C) short

D) shorter

2) Mount Ağrı is _____ than Mount Uludağ.

A) short

B) shorter

C) high

D) higher

3) An elephant's brain is _____ a whale's brain.

A) more big than

B) bigger than

C) bigger

D) big than

4) Monkeys are _____ learners than elephants.

A) faster

B) very fast

C) more faster

D) more fast

Practice: Choose the best alternative.

5) I am two years _____ my brother.

A) young than

B) younger

C) younger than

D) more younger than

6) Tom's car is _____ than my car.

A) expensiver

B) more expensiver

C) expensive

D) more expensive

7) This exam is _____ than the other exam.

A) more easy

B) more difficult

C) difficult

D) more easier

8) We played _____ than the other team.

A) better

B) more better

C) very good

D) well

Comparatives

Practice: Write sentences using comparative adjectives and adverbs.

1. French / easy to learn / Russian

French is easier to learn than Russian.

2. Belgium / hot / France

Belgium is hotter than France.

3. Surfing /exciting / fishing

Surfing is more exciting than fishing.

4. Jason gets up / early / his wife

Jason gets up earlier than his wife.

5. The traffic / bad at 8.30 / at 9.30

The traffic is worse at 8.30 than at 9.30.

6. Life in the city / stressful / life in the country

Life in the city is more stressful than life in the country.

Comparative Adjectives

Practice: Listen and write T (true) or F (false)

QUIZ NIGHT

- 1 **T** A **whale** can make a louder noise than a **lion**.
- 2 **T** The **First World War** was shorter than the **Second World War**.
- 3 **F** The **American** film industry is bigger than the **Indian** film industry.
- 4 **T** In July, **Edinburgh** is hotter than **Sydney**.
- 5 **F** **Silver** is heavier than **gold**.
- 6 **T** The mountain **K2** is more difficult to climb than **Mount Everest**.
- 7 **F** Driving in **Italy** is more dangerous than driving in **Belgium**.
- 8 **F** It's better to do exercise in the **morning** than in the **afternoon**.



Script of the listening

Presenter: OK, Eddie, first question for 100 pounds. A whale can make a louder noise than a lion. True or false?

Eddie: A whale can make a louder noise than a lion. Er, true.

Presenter: Correct. Blue whales can make a sound of up to 188 decibels, whereas a lion's roar is never more than 114 decibels. Ro-a--rrrr. Now, for 200 pounds, the First World War was shorter than the Second World War. True or false?

Eddie: Er, I think it's true.

Presenter: Correct. It's true. The First World War lasted four years, from 1914 to 1918, but the Second World War lasted six years, from 1939 to 1945. Next, for 400 pounds, the American film industry is bigger than the Indian film industry.

Eddie: I think it's false. You know, Bollywood and all that is huge. I think it's false.

Presenter: Correct. The Indian film industry is much bigger than the American one. It produces about 1,000 films every year, which is double what Hollywood produces. In fact, America isn't even the second country that makes the most films, which is Nigeria. Next, for 800 pounds, in July, Edinburgh is hotter than Sydney. True or false?

Eddie: In July, Edinburgh is hotter than Sydney. Er, true.

Presenter: Correct. The average temperature in July in Edinburgh is 15 degrees, and in Sydney it's 13 degrees. Of course Australia's in the southern hemisphere, so it's winter there. Next, for 1,600 pounds, silver is heavier than gold. True or false?

Eddie: Er, true. No, er, false.

Presenter: Do you want to phone a friend?

Eddie: No, I think it's false. I remember from science lessons at school. Gold is heavier than silver.

Presenter: Correct. Gold weighs about 19 grams per cm³ and silver weighs only 10.5 grams. That means that gold is almost twice as heavy as silver. OK, for 3,200 pounds, the mountain K2 is more difficult to climb than Mount Everest.

Eddie: Er, true.

Presenter: Correct. 30% of the people who try to climb K2 die, usually on the way down, whereas only 5% of the people who try to climb Everest die. OK, Eddie, now for 6,400 pounds, driving in Italy is more dangerous than driving in Belgium. True or false?

Eddie: Er, I think that's a trick question. We all think the Italians drive really fast, but maybe they're good drivers. I think it's false.

Presenter: Well done, Eddie! It may be hard to believe, but in fact out of every 100,000 people, six people died because of car accidents in Italy, compared to seven in Belgium. And finally, the last question. Be very careful, Eddie. If you get it right, you win 12,800 pounds, but if you get it wrong, you get nothing. Are you ready?

Eddie: Yes, ready.

Presenter: OK, for 12,800 pounds, it's better to do exercise in the morning than in the afternoon.

Eddie: Er... er...

Presenter: Quickly, Eddie, your time is nearly up.

Eddie: I think it's false, but I'm not sure. I want to phone a friend.

Presenter: Right, Eddie. So, who do you want to call?

Eddie: Sandra.

Presenter: Is she your girlfriend?

Eddie: Yes, she is.

Presenter: OK then. Hello, is that Sandra?

Sandra: Yes, it is.

Presenter: I'm phoning from Quiz Night. Eddie needs some help. You have 30 seconds, Eddie. Here she is.

Eddie: Hi. Sandra?

Sandra: Yes.

Eddie: Listen. It's the last question. 'It's better to do exercise in the morning than in the afternoon.' True or false? I think it's false.

Sandra: Er, I think it's true. I always see people running in the park in the morning...

Eddie: Google it. Quickly. On your phone.

Sandra: What do I put in?

Eddie: Just that sentence and see what comes up! 'It's better to do exercise in the morning than in the afternoon.' Come on!

Sandra: Yes, I'm writing it. Oh sorry, I just got a message.

Eddie: Hurry up, Sandra!

Presenter: Time's up, I'm afraid. OK, Eddie. So, true or false?

Eddie: Er. True.

Presenter: Final answer?

Eddie: Final answer. True.

Presenter: I'm sorry, Eddie, it's false. It's better to do exercise in the afternoon, between 4.00 and 5.00. Eddie, you had 6,400 pounds, but now you go home with ... nothing.

Eddie: Why did I phone Sandra? Why didn't I phone my friend Dave?

Video: Comparative Adjectives

Watch the YouTube video and practice

<https://youtu.be/wXiD0FdON7k>



Comparatives

Videos and Exercises

<https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-video-lessons/grammar-practice/general-grammar-practice/adjectives/b2l1-comparative-adjectives-guessing-game/776749>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBHo2WwIngU&ab_channel=Games4esl

<https://elt.oup.com/student/englishfile/elementary3/grammar/file09/?cc=tr&selLanguage=en>

<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a1/comparative-adjectives/>

Week 13

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goodbye

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
