

GRAMMAR

The comparative of adjectives

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can form comparative adjectives.
- I can form basic sentences with comparative adjectives confidently.



My bedroom has many windows. My bathroom has no windows. My bedroom is **brighter** than my bathroom.



Comparative adjectives



My cat is **cuter than** yours.



George is **taller than** Sally.

- Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between two things.
- When you are comparing things, *than* is placed after the comparative adjective.
- The construction is as follows: **noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object)**





My house

big



Your new flat is really **big**.

small



My flat is **small**.



My house

bright



dark



quiet



Your flat is **bright**.

It is dark in this
room.

I don't hear any
traffic and it is **quiet**.



Forming comparatives

- For short words, we add **-er** to mean **more**

adjective	comparative
bright	brighter
dark	darker
small	smaller
big	bigger



Match the words to the pictures

1



2



3



4



a Your garden is big.

b My flat is small.

c Your flat is bright.

d My flat is dark.



My room is nice and **cosy**, what about yours?

You can describe a small and comfortable room using the adjective **cosy**.



Multiple choice

1 My living room is _____ than my bedroom.

a. big

b. brighter

c. small

d. quiet

2 My bathroom is _____ than my kitchen.

a. dark

b. bright

c. big

d. smaller

3 My bedroom is _____ than my bathroom.

a. bigger

b. bright

c. dark

d. small



My house

noisy



I hear lots of traffic
and it is **noisy**.

messy



My room is **messy**
and I need to clean
it.

tidy



My office is **tidy** and
everything is put
away.



Forming comparatives

If the word ends in **-y**, we change it to **-i** and then add **-er**.

adjective	comparative
noisy	noisier
messy	messier
tidy	tidier



Multiple choice

1 I hear a lot of traffic. My flat is _____.

a. noisy

b. quiet

2 I don't hear any traffic. My flat is _____.

a. noisy

b. quiet

3 I cleaned my flat and put everything away. My flat is _____.

a. tidy

b. messy



Which word is not a comparative?

quieter

noisier

bigger

small

tidier

messier

Now make a sentence with each word.



Complete the table

_____	bigger
small	_____
_____	tidier
noisy	_____
_____	quieter
messy	_____



My house

cheap



I don't pay much money and my house is **cheap**.

expensive



I pay a lot of money and my house is **expensive**.



My house

traditional



My house is old and it looks
traditional.

contemporary



My flat is new and it looks
contemporary.



Forming comparatives

- For longer words, we use **more** and we don't add **-er**. We add the word **more** before the adjective to make it comparative.
- This is normally when the adjective has **three or more syllables**.

adjective

comparative

expensive

more expensive

traditional

more traditional

contemporary

more contemporary



Irregular comparatives

Here is a list of some of the most common irregular comparative adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative
good	better
bad	worse
much	more
little	less
far	further



Compare the homes using comparative adjectives



house



flat



Which words describe this picture?



1

tidy
messy

2

bright
dark

3

traditional
contemporary

4

cheap
expensive



Describe your home

brighter

**more
traditional**

messier

quieter

**more
expensive**

cheaper

noisier

bigger

more contemporary



End of the lesson

Idiom

the more the merrier

Meaning: used to say that something is more fun with more people

Example: A: Can I bring Sara to the party?

B: Sure, the more the merrier!



Additional practice



Complete the table

contemporary	_____
_____	more traditional
expensive	
_____	cheaper
good	_____
_____	worse
much	_____
_____	less
far	_____





Correct the mistakes

Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1 My flat is big than your flat.



My flat is bigger than yours.

2 The bedroom is dark than the kitchen.



3 My street is noisy than that one.



4 His bedroom is tidy than my bedroom.



5 My new flat is contemporary than my old one.



6 Champagne is expensive than water.





Compare the places using comparative adjectives+



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Write about your house

Think back to what you said on **P.21**. **Write four sentences** about your house using **comparative adjectives**.





Answer key

P.8: 1) d, 2) c, 3) b, 4) a

P.10: 1) b, 2) d, 3) a

P.13: 1) a, 2) b, 3) a

P.14: small

P.15: big, smaller, tidy, noisier, quiet, messier



Answer key

P.26: more contemporary, traditional, more expensive, cheap, better, bad, much, little, further

P.27: 2) The bedroom is darker than the kitchen. 3) My street is noisier than that one. 4) His bedroom is tidier than my bedroom. 5) My new flat is more contemporary than my old one. 6) Champagne is more expensive than water.



Summary

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- The construction is: **noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object)**

Forming comparative adjectives:

- For short words, we add **-er** to mean **more** e.g. *bright – brighter*
- If the word ends in **-y**, we change it to **-i** and then add **-er** e.g. *noisy – noisier*
- For longer words, we add the word **more** before the adjective to make it comparative.
- This is normally when the adjective has **three or more syllables** e.g. *expensive – more expensive*

Irregular comparative adjectives:

- *good – better, bad – worse, much – more, little – less, far – further*

New adjectives:

- *big, small, bright, dark, quiet, noisy, tidy, messy, cheap, expensive, traditional, contemporary*



Vocabulary

big

small

bright

dark

quiet

noisy

messy

tidy

cheap

expensive

traditional

contemporary

