

The comparative of adjectives

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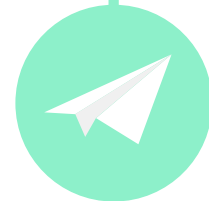


Goals

- Can recognise and understand how to form comparative adjectives to compare the differences between two things
- Can use basic -er and -ier forms to talk about my home or office



My bedroom has one window. My
office has many windows. My office is
brighter than my bedroom.





Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn the **comparative form** of adjectives and when to use it.



Our kitchen is **brighter** in summer.



Comparative adjectives

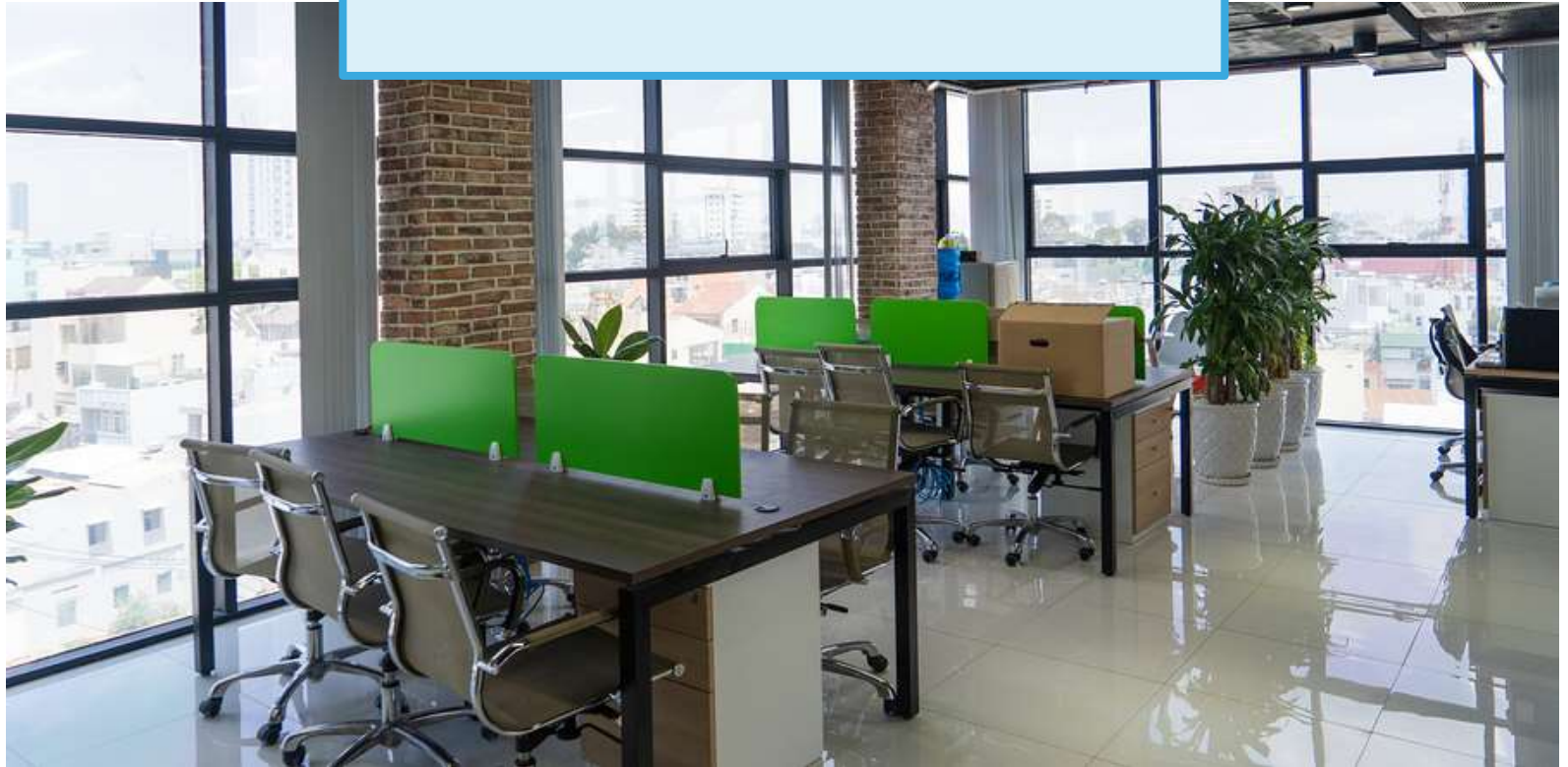
- Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between two things.
- When you are comparing things, *than* is placed after the comparative adjective. The construction is as follows:

Noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object)

For example:

- My desk is **bigger than** yours.
- George is **taller than** Sally.

big



Your new office is really **big**.

small



My office is **small**.

bright



Your office is **bright**.

dark



My office is **dark**.

quiet



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



Forming comparatives

For short words, we add **-er** to form a comparative:

adjective	comparative
bright	bright er
dark	dark er
small	small er
big	big ger



Match the pictures to the sentences

1. Your office is big.

2. Your office is bright.

3. My office is small.

4. My office is dark.



A



B



C



D



Fill in the gap with the comparative

1. My living room is _____ than my bedroom.

a. big

b. brighter

c. small

d. dark

2. My bathroom is _____ than my kitchen.

a. big

b. bright

c. smaller

d. dark

3. My bedroom is _____ than my bathroom.

a. bigger

b. bright

c. small

d. dark



Choose the correct adjective



**small
smaller**

Which room is _____?

**bigger
big**

Which room is _____?

**bright
brighter**

Which room is _____?

**bright
dark**

I like _____ kitchens!

My bathroom is _____.

**brighter
smaller**

My bedroom is _____.

**bigger
darker**

My kitchen is _____.

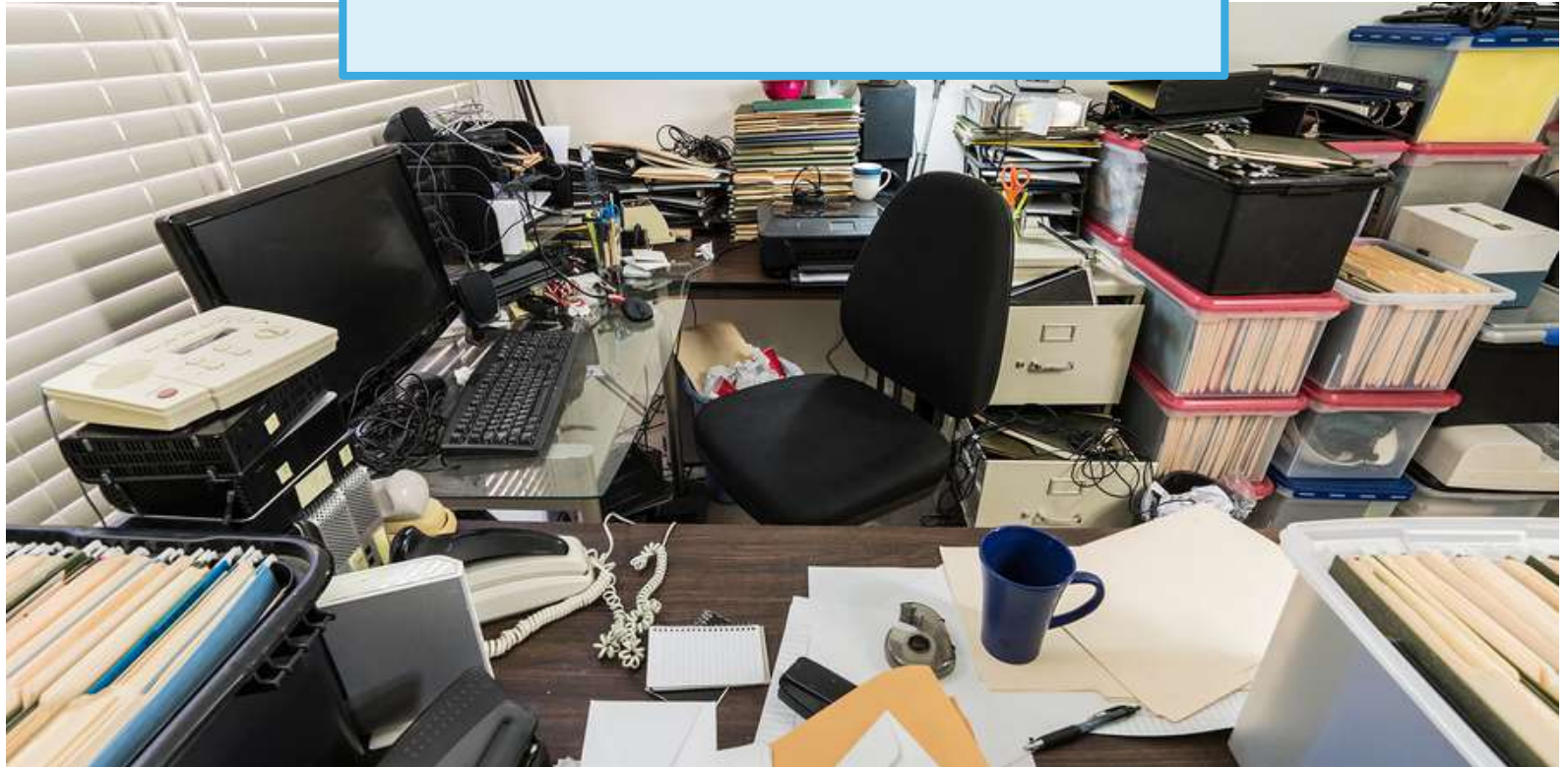
**brighter
darker**

noisy



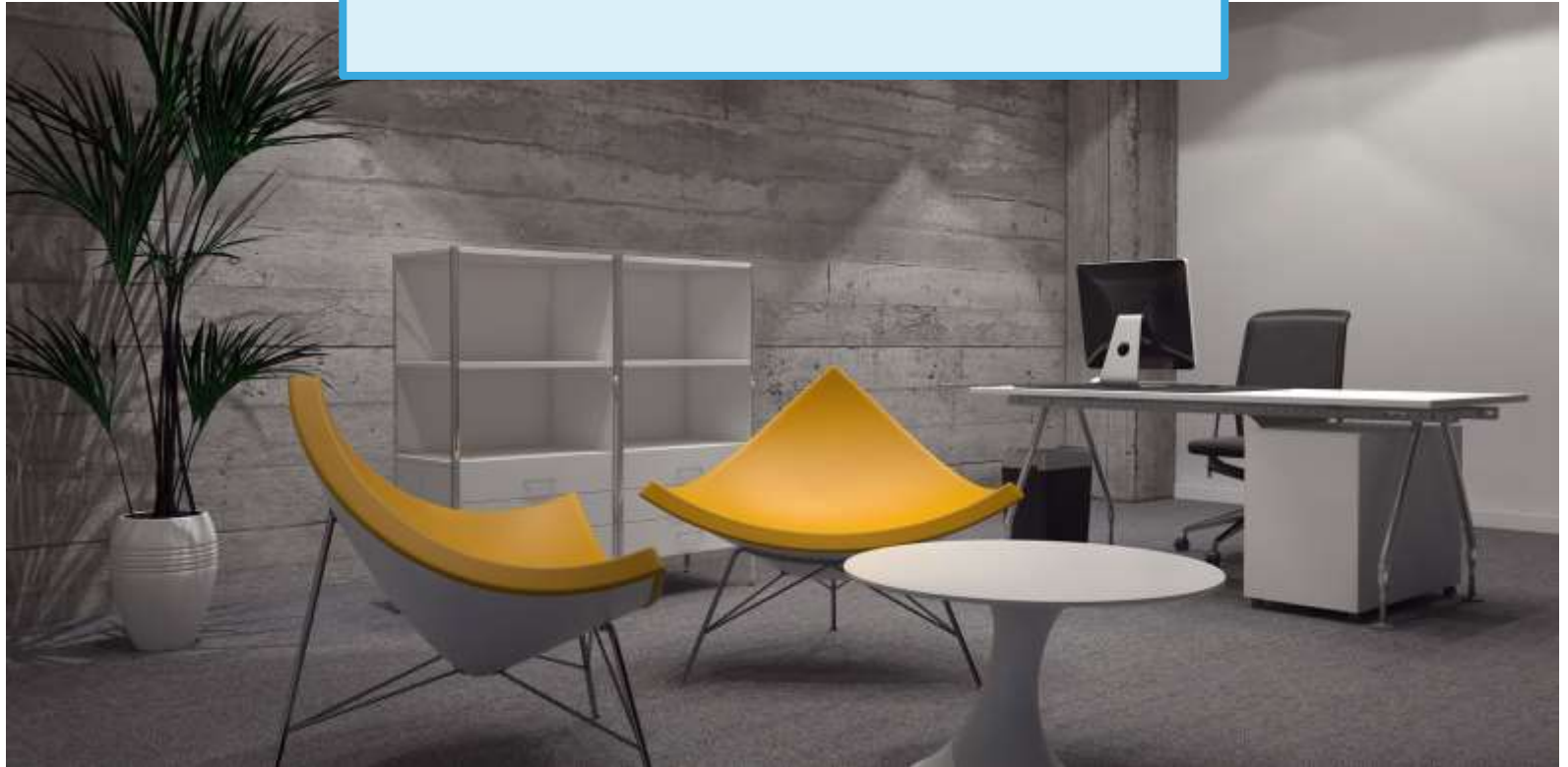
My colleagues are talking and it is **noisy**.

messy



I need to put everything away because my desk is **messy**.

tidy



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



Change **-y** to **-i**

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

adjective	comparative
noisy	nois ier
messy	mess ier
tidy	tid ier



Fill the gaps

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

a. noisy

b. quiet

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

a. noisy

b. quiet

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

a. tidy

b. messy



Which word is not comparative? Make a sentence with each

quieter

noisier

messier

tidier

small

bigger



Fill in the gaps

_____	bigger
small	_____
_____	brighter
dark	_____
_____	quieter
noisy	_____
_____	messier
tidy	_____





Practise saying these words

A

noisy

B

noisier

C

tidy

D

tidier

cheap



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

expensive



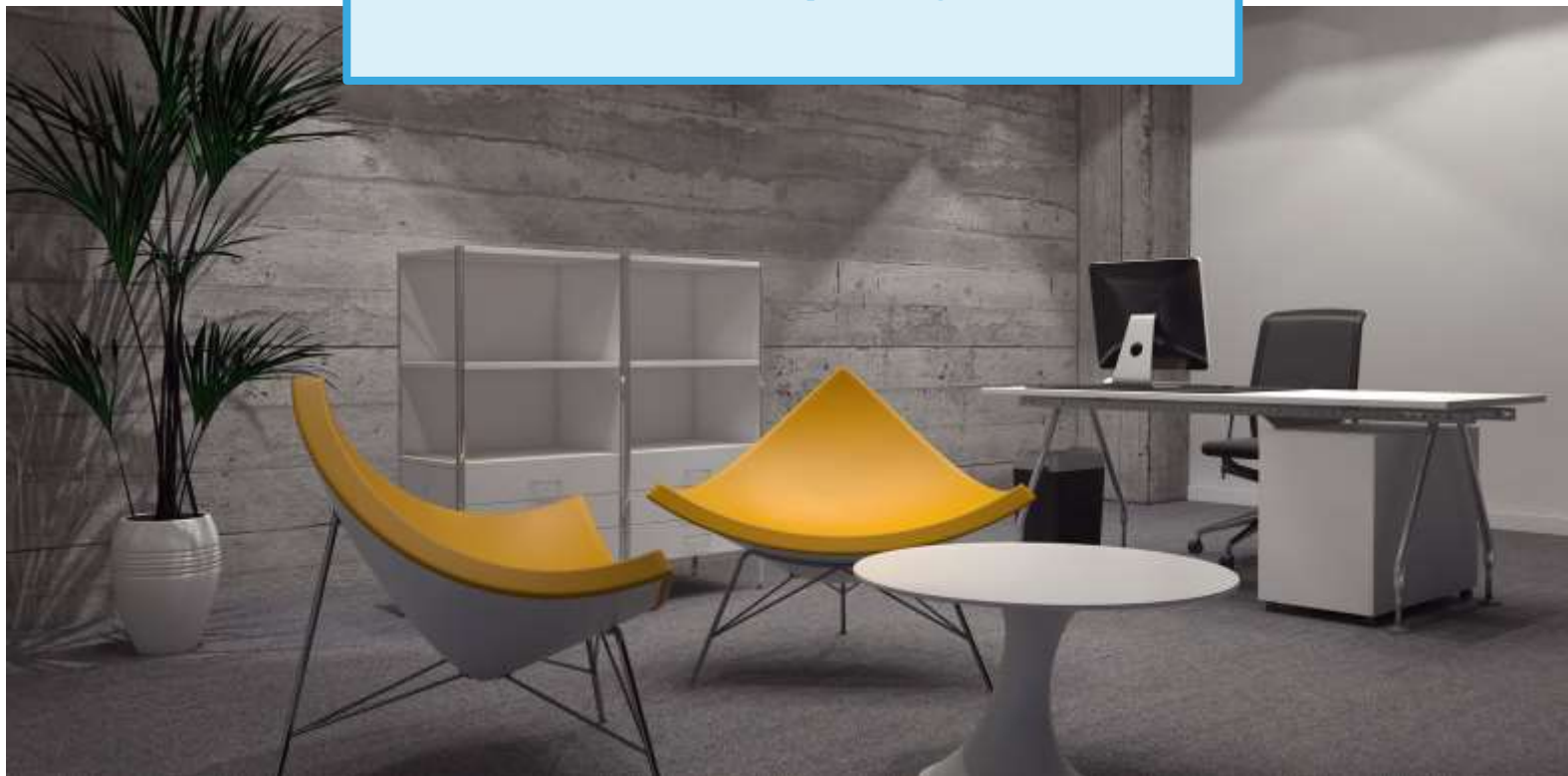
I pay a lot of money and my house is **expensive**.

traditional



My house is old and it looks **traditional**.

contemporary



My office is new and it looks **contemporary**.



Use *more*

- For longer words, we put the word **more** before the adjective to make it a comparative.
- This is normally when the adjective has **three or more syllables**.

adjective	comparative
expensive	more expensive
traditional	more traditional
contemporary	more contemporary



Irregulars

- 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 these two images. Try and use as many irregular comparative adjectives as you can.



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Describe your home

more traditional

tidier

messier

quieter

brighter

noisier

bigger

more
expensive

cheaper

more contemporary



Which words describe this picture?



tidy
messy

bright
dark

traditional
contemporary

cheap
expensive



Role play

Compare your offices.

**Student A works in a small, noisy, dark and traditional office.
Student B works in a big, quiet, bright and contemporary office.**

smaller
noisier
darker
more traditional



bigger
quieter
brighter
more
contemporary





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 11: 1. C 2. A 3. D 4. B

Exercise p. 12: 1. brighter 2. smaller 3. bigger

Exercise p. 13: Which room is smaller? My bathroom is smaller. Which room is bigger? My bedroom is bigger. Which room is brighter? My kitchen is brighter. I like bright kitchens!

Exercise p. 18: 1. noisy 2. quiet 3. tidy

Exercise p. 19: small

Exercise p. 20: big, bigger, small, smaller, bright, brighter, dark, darker, quiet, quieter, noisy, noisier, messy, messier, tidy, tidier

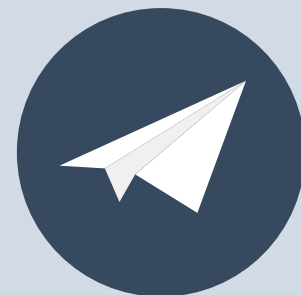
Exercise p. 29: tidy, bright, contemporary, expensive





Complete the table

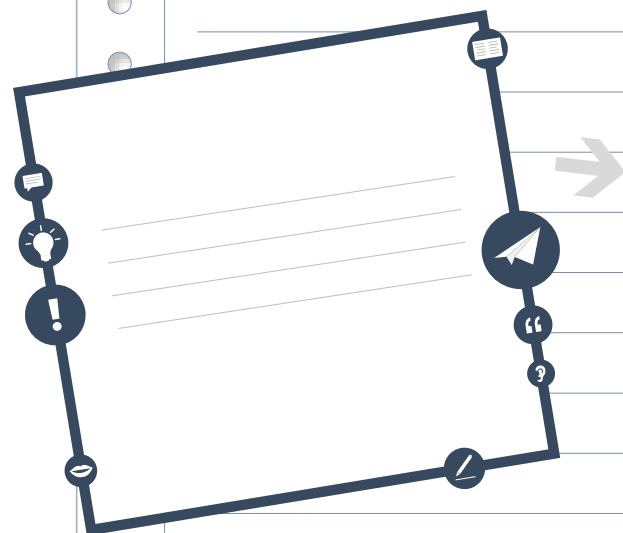
contemporary	_____
_____	more traditional
expensive	_____
_____	cheaper
bright	_____
_____	darker
messy	_____
_____	tidier
noisy	_____





Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3
and find examples of
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text
that are examples of
topic of the lesson.



Find the verbs

**Find the adjectives in this lesson and write them down.
Which are new? Do you know all of them?
Look these words up.**

adjectives



Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and write them about your home.**



Examples:

My living room is more contemporary.

→ My living room is more traditional.

My bedroom is brighter.

→ My kitchen is brighter.

...



Homework answer key

Exercise p. 33: contemporary, more contemporary, traditional, more traditional, expensive, more expensive, cheap, cheaper, bright, brighter, dark, darker, messy, messier, tidy, tidier, noisy, noisier



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