

COMMUNICATION

I prefer my new house

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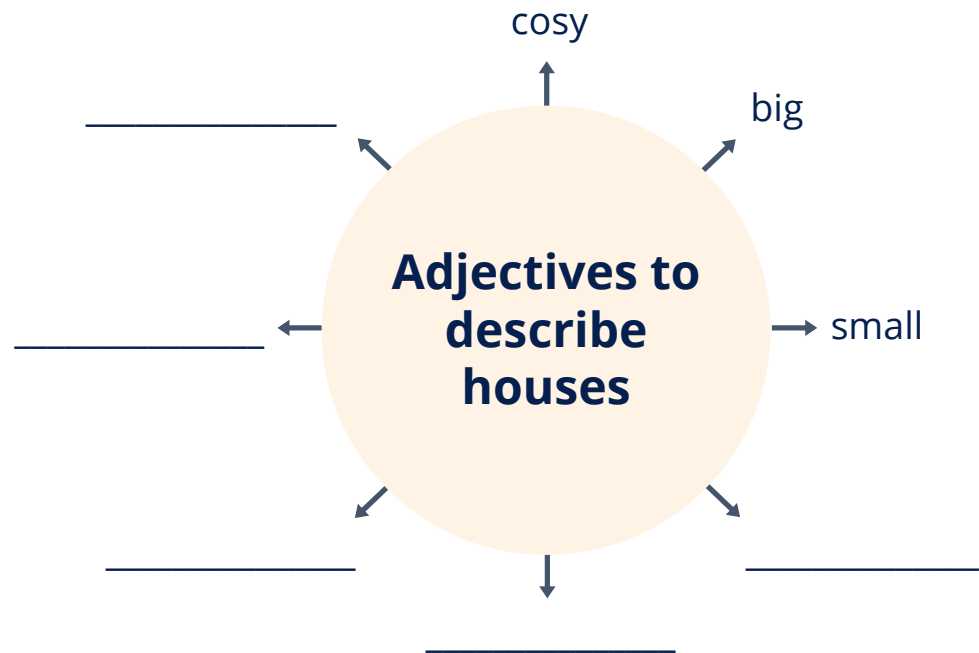
Learning outcomes

- I can make a simple comparison between an old house and a new one.
- I can use the present and past tenses correctly when making comparisons.



Warm-up

How many **adjectives** can you think of for describing houses? Take **3-5 minutes** in breakout rooms, then share your list with the class.





Review of comparative adjectives

Can you **complete** the table?

To compare two things, remember to use the **comparative form** of the adjective.

Add **-er** to shorter adjectives. Sometimes, the last consonant is doubled.

Adjective	Comparative Adjective
small	smaller
cheap	_____
big	_____
sad	sadder



Review of comparative adjectives

Put **more** before adjectives that are longer (often, two syllables or more)

Adjective	Comparative Adjective
difficult	more difficult
expensive	more expensive
intelligent	more intelligent



Practising comparatives

smart

large

cosy

comfortable

expensive

small

Say the **comparative form** of each adjective



Review of irregular comparative adjectives

Can you **complete** the table?

Adjective	Comparative Adjective
good	_____
many/much	more
bad	_____
little (amount)	less



Comparing two things

Use the word **than** to compare two things. When using **more than** and **less than**, you only use the base form of the adjective.

This house is older **than** that house.

My flat is **more** expensive **than** your house.

The kitchen is bigger **than** the living room.

Your neighbour is **less** friendly **than** my neighbour.



Complete the sentences

1 The security deposit is _____ than the rent.

2 My new building is _____ than my old one.

3 Your kitchen is cleaner _____ mine.

4 There is _____ space in my new place.

5 I want _____ in a quiet neighbourhood.

6 Why did you _____ a new house?

bigger
buy
to live
than
more
higher



Practise forming comparatives



- What are some differences between a mansion and a hut?
- Use comparative adjectives!

garden



This house has a big front
garden.

pool



This home has a huge **pool** in
the back garden.

terrace



I have furniture on my **terrace**.

space



My new house has much more **space** than my old house.

view



There is a **view** of the ocean from the window.

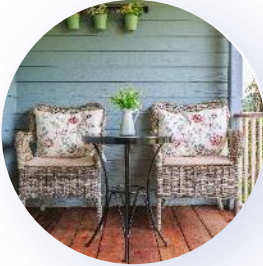


I like to sit outside on
my **patio**.

A **patio** is very similar to a terrace. It is a paved area near a house.



My old house



My old house had a cosy **terrace**.

It also had a big **garden** with lots of flowers.



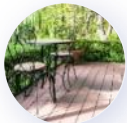


My old house



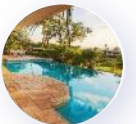
I moved to a new house in the countryside with much more **space**.

It also has a great **view** of the neighbourhood.



Sometimes I miss the house with the big **terrace**.

But my new house is better because it has a **pool**!



Do any of these words describe your dream home?

more expensive

bigger

houseboat

quieter

cottage

terrace

garden

pool

less expensive



About you

**Think about somewhere
you used to live, and
where you live now.**

What are the differences?



Design your dream home

Share your design ideas with your classmates!

You have won a home improvement competition. You get to work with an architect and a designer to make some changes to your home!

Think of the rooms in your house or apartment.

What do you like?

What are some changes you could make?

Choose one room.

Make a list of ideas to present to the architect and designer.





End of the lesson

Idiom

the whole nine yards

Meaning: everything you can possibly want, have, or do in a specific situation

Example: I wanted the whole nine yards for my birthday party.



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

- 1 My house does not have a garden, so there is no _____ for a pool.
- 2 My sister was born two years before me, so she is _____.
- 3 I can't climb this tree because it is much _____ than me.
- 4 I like my new house _____ than my old house.
- 5 Do you like reading more _____ watching sports?
- 6 This car is very _____.
- 7 Your rent is _____ than mine.
- 8 My studio is _____ than my old two-bedroom apartment.

less expensive
space
taller
older
than
bigger
more
expensive



What can you not see in the picture?



1

terrace

2

furniture

3

pool

4

garden





About you



**Think of three
adjectives that
describe yourself.**

**Your classmate must say the
comparative form of each
adjective!**





Answer key

P.4: gaps: cheaper; bigger

P.6: smarter; larger; cosier; more comfortable; more expensive; smaller

P.7: gaps: better; worse

P.9: 1. higher 2. bigger 3. than 4. more 5. to live 6. buy

P.22: 1. space 2. older 3. taller 4. more 5. than 6. expensive 7. less expensive 8. bigger



Summary

Review of comparative adjectives:

- To compare two things, use the comparative form of the adjective.
- Add -er to shorter adjectives. Sometimes, the last consonant is doubled.
- *small – **smaller**; big – **bigger***

Comparing two things:

- Use the word **than** to compare two things.
- When using **more than** and **less than**, you only use the **base form** of the adjective.
- *My house is older **than** your house.; This sofa is **more comfortable than** my old one.*

Review of irregular comparative adjectives:

- *good – **better**; much/many – **more**; bad – **worse**; little – **less***
- *That film was worse than the last one we saw!*

Vocabulary to describe the outside of a house:

- *garden; pool; terrace; space; view*
- *We have a pool in our back garden.*



Vocabulary

garden

pool

terrace

space

view

