

GRAMMAR

The comparative of adjectives

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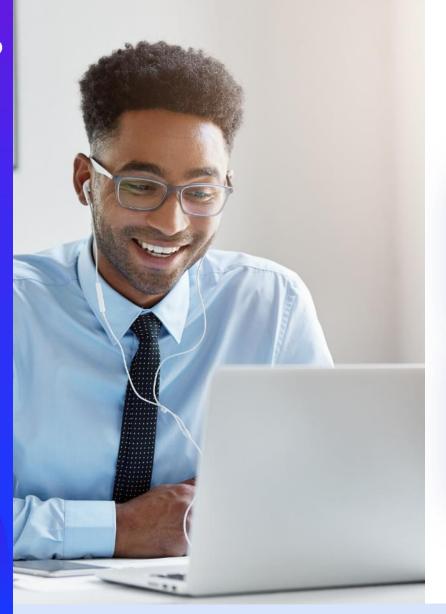
LANGUAGE

English

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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

small





Your new flat is really **big**.

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	bright er
dark	dark er
small	small er
big	bigg er





Match the words to the pictures

1



2



a Your garden is big.

b My flat is small.

3



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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 b	pedroom.	
	a. big	b. brighter	c. small	d. quiet
2	My bathroom is	than my kitcher	١.	
	a. dark	b. bright	c. big	d. smaller
3	My bedroom is	than my bathro	om.	
	a. bigger	b. bright	c. dark	d. small





My house

noisy

messy

tidy







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

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

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
nois y	nois ier
mess y	mess ier
tid y	tid ier



Multiple choice

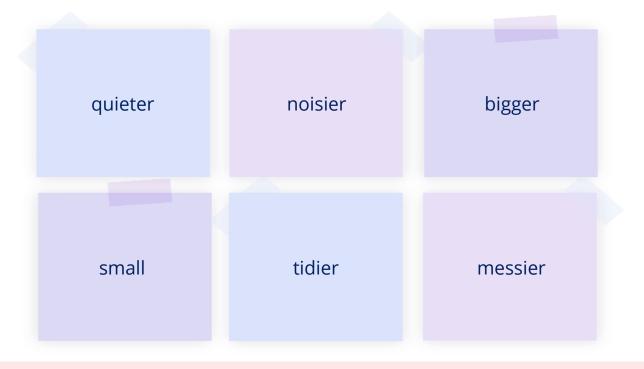
1	I hear a lot of traffic. My flat is	
	a. noisy	b. quiet
2	l don't hear any traffic. My flat is	
	a. noisy	b. quiet
3	I cleaned my flat and put everything away.	My flat is
	a. tidy	b. messy





Which word is not a comparative?





Now make a sentence with each word.





Complete the table

	bigger
small	
	tidier
noisy	
	quieter
messy	





My house

cheap

expensive





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

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





My house

traditional

contemporary





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

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

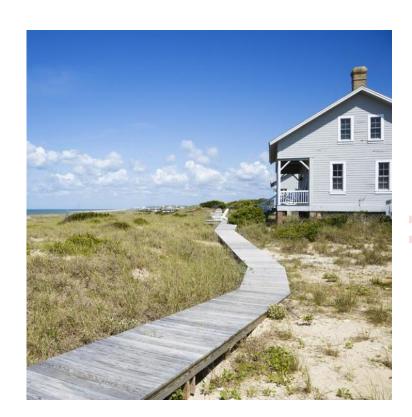
Here is a list of some of the most common irregular comparative adjectives.

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?



tidy messy bright dark

traditional contemporary

cheap expensive





brighter

more traditional

messier

cheaper

quieter

noisier

more expensive

bigger more contemporary



Let's reflect!

Can you form comparative adjectives?

 Can you form basic sentences with comparative adjectives confidently?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



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 <u>bigger</u> than yours.

2 The bedroom is <u>dark</u> than the kitchen.

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3 My street is <u>noisy</u> than that one.

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4 His bedroom is <u>tidy</u> than my bedroom.

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- My new flat is <u>contemporary</u> than my old one.
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6 Champagne is <u>expensive</u> than water.

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Compare the places using comparative adjectives —











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 <u>darker</u> than the kitchen. 3) My street is <u>noisier</u> than that one. 4) His bedroom is <u>tidier</u> than my bedroom. 5) My new flat is <u>more contemporary</u> than my old one. 6) Champagne is <u>more expensive</u> than water.



Summary

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: **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





Notes

