

# COMPARATIVES

## 1 THEORY

Task: Study the tables below.

When we compare adjectives we add:

- "er" to the end of the word.
- "more" before the word.

Comparisons	
One syllable.	<p><b>Add "er" to the word</b></p> <p>Fast ---&gt; Faster      Slow ---&gt; Slower</p>
Two syllables ending in consonant + "y".	<p><b>"y" ----- &gt; "ier"</b></p> <p>Heavy --- &gt; Heavier      Early --- &gt; Earlier</p>
Two or more syllables.	<p><b>Add "more" before the word.</b></p> <p>Dangerous --- &gt; More dangerous.</p>
Irregular.	<p>Bad --- &gt; <b>Worse</b></p> <p>Good --- &gt; <b>Better</b></p> <p>Far --- &gt; <b>Further</b></p>



## 2 COMPARATIVE FORM

**Task:** Read the adjectives below then create the comparative form of the word.

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|----------------|----------|
| 1. Happy       | a. _____ |
| 2. Intelligent | b. _____ |
| 3. Fast        | c. _____ |
| 4. Tall        | d. _____ |
| 5. Close       | e. _____ |
| 6. Helpful     | f. _____ |
| 7. Modern      | g. _____ |
| 8. Stylish     | h. _____ |
| 9. Amazing     | i. _____ |
| 10. Calm       | j. _____ |
| 11. Gentle     | k. _____ |
| 12. Strong     | l. _____ |
| 13. Honest     | m. _____ |
| 14. Generous   | n. _____ |
| 15. Shy        | o. _____ |
| 16. Good       | p. _____ |
| 17. Patient    | q. _____ |
| 18. Far        | r. _____ |

### 3 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Read the sentences below, then create the comparative form to complete the sentence.

1. New York City is \_\_\_\_\_ (busy) than Manchester.
2. A laptop is \_\_\_\_\_ (modern) than a book.
3. The kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_ (dirty) than the bedroom.
4. The car is \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) than the motorbike.
5. Bill Gates is \_\_\_\_\_ (rich) than my brother.
6. Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_ (far) away than Japan.
7. The light is \_\_\_\_\_ (bright) now that the battery is charged.
8. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (healthy) now that he has stopped smoking.
9. The sofa is \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable) than the chair.
10. Staying in a hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ (safe) than camping.
11. She is \_\_\_\_\_ (happy) today than she was yesterday.
12. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (intelligent) than his classmates.
13. The cheetah is \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) than any other land animal.
14. John is \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) than his younger brother.
15. The nearest gas station is \_\_\_\_\_ (close) to our location.
16. Jane's assistance was \_\_\_\_\_ (helpful) than I expected.
17. The new smartphone is \_\_\_\_\_ (modern) than the previous model.
18. Her outfit is \_\_\_\_\_ (stylish) than mine.
19. The magic show was \_\_\_\_\_ (amazing) than I had imagined.
20. After practicing yoga, she felt \_\_\_\_\_ (calm) than before.

## 4 CREATE COMPARATIVE SENTENCES

Read the words below, then create comparative sentences. Use the example as a guide.

**Example:**

- John / Kate / Small      John is smaller than Kate.

1. Hamburgers / Chocolate / Tasty
2. Laura / Jimmy / Tall
3. Dress / Jacket / Colourful
4. Mike Tyson / Jeff Bezos / Aggressive
5. Pub / Restaurant / Crowded
6. Bridge / Apartment Building / High
7. Puppy / Kitten / Adorable
8. Jeans / Trainers / New
9. Book / Film / Strange
10. Tomatoes / Lemons / Fresh
11. Dogs / Cats / Playful
12. Mountains / Beaches / Scenic
13. Summer / Winter / Warm
14. New York / Los Angeles / Busy
15. Comedy / Horror / Entertaining
16. Fiction / Non-fiction / Informative
17. Bicycles / Motorcycles / Affordable
18. Hiking / Camping / Relaxing

## 5 COMPARATIVE CORRECTIONS

The sentences below contain mistakes. Can you find and then correct the mistakes?

Be careful; not all the sentences contain mistakes.

1. The public swimming pool is more larger than mine.
2. Thomas is intelligenter than Oliver.
3. The weather is gooder than yesterday.
4. Ronaldo is badder than Messi at football.
5. My best friend is more poor than Jeff Besos.
6. The dog is hungry than the cat.
7. I think that I am more lucky than my father.
8. Eating a salad is nutritiouser than eating chocolate.
9. This orange is more juicy than that one.
10. Neighbourhoods in the city centre are dangerous than in the countryside.
11. The sunset today was beautiful than yesterday's.
12. She was enthusiasticer about the project than anyone else.
13. The second book in the series is more mysterious than the first.
14. The homemade pizza was delicious than the one from the pizzeria.
15. The roller coaster ride was more exciting than the Ferris wheel.
16. The countryside is peacefuller than the bustling city.
17. Sarah is generouser with her time than anyone I know.
18. Children are curiousier than adults.

## 6 COMPARATIVE QUESTIONS

**Task:** Answer the questions below, using comparatives in your answers.

The answers are open to your interpretation. Be creative and give detail.

1. Who is older, your mother or your father?
2. Which is closer, your school / workplace or your best friend's house?
3. Which is tastier, coffee or tea?
4. Which is better, studying English or watching Netflix?
5. Who is more adventurous, you or your best friend?
6. Which is more impressive, Big Ben in London or the Statue of Liberty in New York?
7. Is it easier to save money or spend it wisely?
8. Are dogs more loyal than cats, in your opinion?
9. Do you think it's better to be early or fashionably late?
10. Are traditional classrooms more effective than online learning?
11. Is it more important to be liked or respected by others?
12. Which is more enjoyable: reading a book or watching a movie?
13. Are experiences more valuable than material possessions?
14. In your opinion, is it more challenging to be a leader or a follower in a group?
15. Which is more fulfilling: achieving personal goals or helping others achieve theirs?
16. Is it more beneficial to learn from your own mistakes or from others' experiences?
17. Are simple pleasures in life more satisfying than extravagant luxuries?
18. Which gives more happiness: success in your career or success in your personal life?



## 7 READING AND COMPREHENSION

**Task 1:** Read the following text about a person's new job.

I used to work at a small company, and now I've got a new job at a much bigger company. Let me tell you, it's quite a change.

First of all, my old job was way less stressful than my new one. At my old job, I had a smaller workload, and I could finish my tasks quickly. It was definitely less demanding. Now, in my new job, the workload is much heavier. I have more responsibilities, and it can be overwhelming.

However, when it comes to pay, my new job is much better. I'm earning a higher salary, which is a big improvement from my old job where the pay was pretty low. So, financially, things have improved.

Another thing is that at my old job, I had a smaller team but in my new job, the team is larger, so I'm always meeting more people. It's nice to have a bigger social circle.

In terms of work hours, my old job had a more regular schedule. I used to work from 9 to 5, and it was more consistent than my new job. My new job sometimes requires longer hours, especially when there are deadlines to meet.

Overall, my new job is more demanding, but it's also more rewarding in terms of salary. I have a larger social circle, but it comes with a busier schedule. While I miss the simplicity of my old job, I appreciate the opportunities my new job brings.

**Task 2:** Complete the following tasks.

1. Underline all of the comparatives used in the text.
2. Where did the person used to work, and where do they work now?
3. How does the person describe the workload in their old job?
4. What is the main difference in terms of pay between their old job and new job?
5. How does the person feel about the size of their team in their new job?
6. What are the differences in work hours between the two jobs?
7. What is the person's overall feelings about their new job compared to their old job?

**Task 3:** Complete the following task.

- a. Compare your current job with your previous, using comparatives. Take five minutes to prepare, use the text as a guide.

