

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



2 COMPARATIVE FORM

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

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Happy | a. Happier |
| 2. Intelligent | b. More intelligent |
| 3. Fast | c. Faster |
| 4. Tall | d. Taller |
| 5. Close | e. Closer |
| 6. Helpful | f. More helpful |
| 7. Modern | g. More modern |
| 8. Stylish | h. More stylish |
| 9. Amazing | i. More amazing |
| 10. Calm | j. Calmer |
| 11. Gentle | k. Gentler |
| 12. Strong | l. Stronger |
| 13. Honest | m. More honest |
| 14. Generous | n. More generous |
| 15. Shy | o. Shyer |
| 16. Good | p. Better |
| 17. Patient | q. More patient |
| 18. Far | r. Farther |

3 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

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

1. New York City is busier (busy) than Manchester.
2. A laptop is More modern (modern) than a book.
3. The kitchen is dirtier (dirty) than the bedroom.
4. The car is cleaner (clean) than the motorbike.
5. Bill Gates is richer (rich) than my brother.
6. Brazil is farther (far) away than Japan.
7. The light is brighter (bright) now that the battery is charged.
8. He is healthier (healthy) now that he has stopped smoking.
9. The sofa is More comfortable (comfortable) than the chair.
10. Staying in a hotel is safer (safe) than camping.
11. She is happier (happy) today than she was yesterday.
12. He is More intelligent (intelligent) than his classmates.
13. The cheetah is faster (fast) than any other land animal.
14. John is taller (tall) than his younger brother.
15. The nearest gas station is closer (close) to our location.
16. Jane's assistance was More helpful (helpful) than I expected.
17. The new smartphone is More modern (modern) than the previous model.
18. Her outfit is More stylish (stylish) than mine.
19. The magic show was More amazing (amazing) than I had imagined.
20. After practicing yoga, she felt calmer (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
1. Hamburgers are tastier than chocolate.
 2. Laura is taller than Jimmy.
 3. The dress is more colourful than the jacket.
 4. Mike Tyson is more aggressive than Jeff Bezos.
 5. The pub is more crowded than the restaurant.
 6. The bridge is higher than the apartment building.
 7. The puppy is more adorable than the kitten.
 8. The jeans are newer than the trainers.
 9. The book is stranger than the film.
 10. Tomatoes are fresher than lemons.
 11. Dogs are more playful than cats.
 12. Mountains are more scenic than beaches.
 13. Summer is warmer than winter.
 14. New York is busier than Los Angeles.
 15. Comedy is more entertaining than horror.
 16. Fiction is more informative than non-fiction.
 17. Bicycles are more affordable than motorcycles.
 18. Hiking is more relaxing than camping.

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

1. My father is older than my mother.
2. My school is closer than my best friend's house.
3. I think coffee is tastier than tea because it has a stronger flavor.
4. Studying English is better than watching Netflix because it helps you grow.
5. My best friend is more adventurous than me; she loves trying extreme sports.
6. The Statue of Liberty is more impressive than Big Ben, in my opinion.
7. It is easier to spend money than to save it wisely.
8. I think dogs are more loyal than cats because they are always by your side.
9. It's better to be early than fashionably late—it shows respect.
10. Traditional classrooms are more effective than online learning for staying focused.
11. It is more important to be respected than liked because respect lasts longer.
12. Watching a movie is more enjoyable than reading a book when I'm tired.
13. Experiences are more valuable than material possessions because they last in your memory.
14. Being a leader is more challenging than being a follower in a group.
15. Helping others achieve their goals is more fulfilling than just focusing on mine.
16. It is more beneficial to learn from others' mistakes than from my own.
17. Simple pleasures are more satisfying than extravagant luxuries.
18. Success in my personal life gives more happiness than success in my career.

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.



Task 2: Answer the questions

1. Underline all of the comparatives used in the text.

- *bigger*
 - *less stressful*
 - *smaller*
 - *more responsibilities*
 - *much better*
 - *higher*
 - *pretty low*
 - *larger*
 - *more people*
 - *more regular*
 - *more consistent*
 - *longer*
 - *more demanding*
 - *more rewarding*
 - *larger*
 - *busier*
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2. Where did the person use to work, and where do they work now?

They used to work at a **small company**. Now, they work at a **much bigger company**.

3. How does the person describe the workload in their old job?

They say the workload was **smaller**, and they could finish tasks **quickly**. It was **less demanding**.

4. What is the main difference in terms of pay between their old job and new job?

In the new job, the person earns a **higher salary**. The pay is **much better** than in the old job, where the pay was **pretty low**.

5. How does the person feel about the size of their team in their new job?

They say the team is **larger**, and they like it because they are **always meeting more people**. They enjoy having a **bigger social circle**.

6. What are the differences in work hours between the two jobs?

The old job had a **more regular and consistent schedule**, working from **9 to 5**. The new job sometimes requires **longer hours**.

7. What is the person's overall feelings about their new job compared to their old job?

The new job is **more demanding**, but it is also **more rewarding**. They miss the **simplicity** of the old job but appreciate the **opportunities** and **higher salary** in the new one.

Task 3: Compare your current job with your previous, using comparatives.

My current job is more challenging than my previous one. I have more responsibilities and my schedule is busier. However, it's also more interesting and better paid. I work with a larger team now, which helps me feel more connected. My previous job was calmer and less stressful, but I feel more motivated in my current position.