

# Adjectives

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COMPARING UNEQUAL

# Comparing Unequal - Introduction

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The comparisons can be positive or negative.

There are several different ways to form the comparative adjective.

We can use comparisons when asking questions.

# Comparing Unequal – Formation

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For short adjectives (one or two syllables), add 'er' or 'r' to the end.

Replace a 'y' at the end of the word with 'i'.

Words ending in a vowel + single consonant often double the consonant.

- The film is *long*. The film is *longer* than I remember.
- Sandra is *pale*. Sandra is *paler* than her friend.
- John is *funny*. John is *funnier* than Andy.
- The house is *big*. Your house is *bigger* than my house.

For adjectives with three or more syllables, add *more*.

- The dress is *beautiful*. This dress is *more beautiful* than that one.
- This car is *expensive*. This car is *more expensive* than the one I bought last year.

# Comparing Unequal – Irregular

There are some adjectives that have irregular comparatives.

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- Sarah is *good* at tennis. Sarah is *better* than her brother.
- Jim is *bad* at football. Jim is *worse* than Peter.
- Tony can run *far*. Tony ran *farther* (or *further*) than yesterday.
- Jenny ate *little* food in the morning. Jenny ate *less* in the morning than the evening.
- The comparative of *much* and *many* is *more*.

# Comparing Unequal – Examples #1

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When we compare unequal adjectives, we use the comparative form of the adjective + than.

- Andy is *taller than* his father now.
- Liz is *prettier than* her sister.
- Bob is *more passionate* about films *than* Jim.
- Your house is *bigger than* my house.

# Comparing Equal – Examples #2

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The comparisons can be positive or negative.

- Steve is *taller than* his mother.
- He is *not taller than* his father.
  
- Jenny is *smarter than* her sister.
- She is *not smarter than* her brother.
  
- The new flat is *bigger than* the old one.
- My old car is *not more expensive than* my new one.

# Comparing Equal – Examples #3

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We can use comparisons when asking questions.

- Do you think Suzy is *prettier than* her sister?
- Is your new house *bigger than* your old one?
- Is Paul *taller than* you?
- Did you find Rome *more interesting than* Paris?
- Is your new sofa *more comfortable than* your old one?
- Are the sales figures *worse than* predicted?