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Comparative adverbs compare one action with another.

There are several different ways to form the comparative adverb.

Sometimes we omit the thing being compared.

# Comparative Adverbs – Examples #1

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For one or two syllable adverbs, add 'er' or 'r' to the end. Please note the use of 'than'.

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

- Roy jumped *high*. Roy jumped *higher* than me.
- Peter arrived *late*. Peter arrived *later* than Sue.
- John arrived *early*. John arrived *earlier* than Bob.

For adverbs with three or more syllables, add *more* or *less*.

- Jack drives *carefully*. Jack drives *more carefully* than David.
- Stars shine *brightly* at night. Stars shine *less brightly* when it's cloudy.

# Comparative Adverbs – Examples #2

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There are some adverbs that have irregular superlatives.

- Sarah plays tennis *well*. Sarah plays tennis *better* than her brother.
- Jim scored *badly* on the test. Jim did *worse* than Paul.
- Tony ran *far* today. Today, Tony ran *farther* (or *further*) than Peter.
- Jenny ate *little* in the evening. Jenny ate *less* than Fred.
- The comparative of *much* and *many* is *more*.

# Comparative Adverbs – Examples #2

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Sometimes we omit the thing being compared.

- The teacher speaks *more slowly* for beginners.
- You need to work *harder*.
- Jane began to speak *more quickly*.
- Bill drives *more carefully* now.