

To compare things we usually add “er” to the word. Read these examples.

This blue car is *cheap*. (Cheap means it does not cost much money.) The red car is *cheaper*.

The lion is a *fast* animal. But the cheetah is *faster* than the lion.

I have a *large* dog. His dog is *larger*.

That woman is *old*. She is *older* than me.

She looks *young*. Is she *younger* than Dad?

Her hair is *long*, but my hair is *longer*.

When words end in “y”, we add “ier”. Read these examples.

My daughter is *pretty*. Your daughter is *prettier*.

This class is *easy*. My class at ACC is *easier*.

I get up *early*. She gets up *earlier*.

I am always *happy*. But today I am *happier* than usual.

Some words do not have an “er” form. We use “more” before them. Read these examples.

This test is *difficult*. It is *more difficult* than the last test.

The boys are *careful*. The girls are *more careful*.

That man is *handsome*. He is *more handsome* than a movie star.

Some words have their own comparative form. Read these examples.

This pie tastes *good*. But grandma’s pie is *better*.

My headache is *bad*. Yesterday it was *worse*.

Fill in the blank with the correct comparison word.

It is *noisy* here. Yesterday it was _____ than now.

This coffee is *weak*. It is _____ than I like.

This house isn’t *big*. My house is _____ than this house.

In Texas it is *cold*. But in Montana it is much _____.

Speaking English is *hard*. It is _____ than speaking Spanish.

This phone is not very *loud*. Can you make it _____?

Write a sentence using the comparative word that explains the situation. The first one is done for you as an example. (Teachers do the first few, than let them work in pairs. Have them read their sentences as the end and write them on the board.)

1. Yesterday it was 32 degrees. Today it is 40 degrees.

(warm) It is 8 degrees warmer today.

2. It is four hours to Dallas and three hours to Houston.

(close) Houston is _____ than Dallas.

3. The train to Dallas takes five hours. The plane takes one hour.

(faster) _____

4. We did not have much work today. Yesterday we had a lot of work.

(busy) _____

5. My husband came home at 6 o’clock. My son came home at 8 o’clock.

(early) _____

6. Joe made 85 on the test. Jim made a 70.

(bad) _____

7. Jill could not lift the heavy box. Bill lifted the heavy box.
(strong) _____

8. Dave ran the race in one hour. Leslie ran the race in one hour and a half.
(slow) _____

9. I won twenty dollars in the contest. My sister did not win anything.
(lucky) _____

10. Yesterday the baby was sick. Today he is not as sick.
(good) _____

Correct the errors in these sentences.

1. The boys are more tall than the girls. _____

2. Gold is expensiver than silver. _____

3. It is more cold today than yesterday. _____

4. The tiger is mean than the cat. _____

5. The weather is more hot today. _____

6. This flower is beautifuler than that one. _____

Say a sentence with these comparative adjectives.

1. easy
2. big
3. rich
4. long
5. hot
6. large
7. old
8. heavy
9. good
10. bad