

We use “too” to add emphasis. It is TOO small. This is different than saying, “It is small.” If it is small, you might like it. EX: This blouse is small, but I like the way it fits.

But if you say it is TOO SMALL, it means you don’t like it.

Read these conversations with a partner. The comparative adjectives are underlined.

A: Do you like these pants?

B: I like the color. But they don’t fit. They are too small for me. I need a bigger size.

What does B need?

A: That skirt looks good on you.

B: It is really short.

A: It isn’t too short. You have nice legs. Short skirts look good on you.

B: I think I need a longer skirt. I don’t like skirts that are too short.

Does A like the short skirt?

A: Do you have this blouse in a smaller size?

B: That is the smallest size I have in the store. I can order a smaller size for you.

Do they have a smaller size in the store?

A: My cousin is very tall. He is almost seven feet tall.

B: Is he taller than your brother?

A: Yes. He is the tallest person in my family.

Is the brother taller than the cousin?

A: What a beautiful baby girl.

B: Thank you.

A: She is more beautiful than my daughter.

B: Oh no. Your daughter is the most beautiful girl of all.

Who has the most beautiful daughter?

A: This is the most delicious ice cream. It is more delicious than store bought ice cream.

B: This ice cream is homemade. Would you like some more?

A: Yes, please.

Is store bought ice cream better than homemade?

A: My sister is too thin. She is thinner than Anna.

B: Anna is very thin. Is your sister really thinner than Anna.

A: My sister is the thinnest person I know.

Is Anna fat? Who is thinnest, Anna or the sister?

A: My mother is 68. How old is your mother?

B: My mother is 72. She is older than your mother.

A: Gloria's mother is 76. She is the oldest mother in our group.

Who has the oldest mother?

Who has the youngest mother?

A: I don't speak English well. Do you have an easy class?

B: The high intermediate class is easy. It is easier than the advanced class.

A: I need the easiest class.

B: The low intermediate class is the easiest class in the school.

What is the most difficult class?

What is the easiest class?

What class is in the middle?

Put the correct form of the comparative adjective in the blank.

- 1.(cheap) The silver necklace is _____ than the gold one.
- 2.(expensive) The gold necklace is the _____ necklace in the store.
- 3.(easy) This class is easy. It is _____ than the advanced class.
- 4.(heavy) This box is _____ than the other one.
- 5.(fat) That is the _____ pig I have ever seen.
- 6.(smart) Joe is _____ than Alice.
- 7.(intelligent) That boy is the _____ in the whole school.
- 8.(fancy) Her dress is _____ than my dress.
- 9.(good) Vanilla ice cream is good. But chocolate ice cream is _____.
- 10.(good) Strawberry ice cream is the _____ ice cream flavor.
- 11.(ugly) That is the _____ dog I have ever seen. He is _____ than my neighbor's dog.
- 12.(hot) It is _____ today than it was yesterday. Today is the _____ day of the year.
- 13.(long) People who don't smoke live _____ than people who do smoke.
- 14.(bad) The weather this year is _____ than last year.
15. (bad) This is the _____ weather we have ever had.

Than and Then

Than is a word used to compare two things. EX: Jim is shorter than Cody.

Then is an adverb meaning "next". EX: We ate breakfast. Then we went to school

Write "than" or "then" in these sentences.

- 1.He likes English better _____ math.
- 2.Is Canada bigger _____ the U.S.?
- 3.Go straight for two blocks, _____ turn right.
- 4.His daughter knows more about computers _____ he does.
- 5.It's less _____ a mile to the library.
- 6.I will finish washing the dishes, _____ we can go.
- 7._____ I went to the cafe and had a sandwich.
- 8.My brother is younger _____ me.
- 9.I go to English class, _____ I catch the bus to the university.
10. The candy is sweeter _____ the cookies.
- 11.Are you taller _____ me?
- 12.A centimeter is smaller _____ an inch.
- 13.She yelled at the dog _____ ran inside.
14. Finish your dinner, _____ you can have dessert.