

Comparative Adjectives

old/older, expensive/more expensive

Short words with 1 syllable and words ending in “y”= add “er” or “ier”

- old/**older**, small/**smaller**, tall/**taller**
 - If the word ends with a vowel and consonant, double the consonant
 - **big/bigger**, **hot/hotter**, **thin/thinner**
 - If the word ends with the letter “y”, change it to “ier”
 - **heavy/heavier**, **curly/curlier**, **easy/easier** (2 syllables)

Examples: He is old, but she is **older**. Kent is **big**, but Seattle is **bigger**. Level 4 is easy, but level 3 is **easier**.

Long words with 2/3/4 syllables = add “more”

- polite/**more** polite, expensive/**more** expensive, interesting/**more** interesting

Examples: She is polite, but he is **more** polite. That car is expensive, but this car is **more** expensive. My old job was interesting, but my new job is **more** interesting.

- The opposite of “more” is “less.”

Examples: She is less polite. That car is less expensive.

Exceptions: good and bad

- good/**better**, bad/**worse**

Examples: The weather was good last week, but it is **better** this week. The weather was bad last week, but it is **worse** this week.

Directions: Complete the sentences and use a comparative.

Example: KC’s house isn’t very big. He wants a bigger one.

1. Alisa isn’t **slow**. David is _____
2. Tim isn’t **nice**. Erin is _____
3. My bed isn’t **comfortable**. Your bed is _____
4. She isn’t very **patient**. I’m _____

Than (not then)

- Always use “**than**” not “then” when comparing things.

Examples: He is **shorter than** her. She is **taller** and **prettier than** him.

...not as much as.../...not as many as...

Examples: This car isn't **as much as** that one. (= that one is more expensive)
I don't have **as many as** you do. (= you have more than me)

...not as _____ as... and “than”

Examples: Kent isn't **as big as** Seattle is. Seattle is **bigger than** Kent.

...as me/as you/as him/ as her/as them/as us

Examples: You aren't **as short as** me. She isn't **as tall as** him.

...the same as.../the same _____ as...

Examples: My eye color is **the same as** yours. Their kids are **the same age as** ours.

PRACTICE!

Directions: Complete the sentences and use “than.”

Example: She is very **short**. He is **taller than she is**. OR He's **taller than her**.

1. He is very **old**. She is _____
2. I don't work **hard**. You work _____
3. She goes to sleep **early**. He goes _____
4. You wake up really **late**. I _____
5. They weren't very **surprised**. We were _____