

Presentation

Use the comparative form to compare two things.

Adjective	Comparative
young	younger
fast	faster
beautiful	more beautiful
expensive	less expensive

Regular adjectives

Add *-er* to short adjectives: *younger, faster ...*

Use *more/less* with long adjectives: *more beautiful, less expensive ...*

Irregular adjectives

Some adjectives are irregular.

Adjective	Comparative
good	better
bad	worse

than

You often use *than* after the comparative adjective: *My car is faster than your car.*

Key spelling rules

- Double the last consonant + *-er* for some one-syllable adjectives: *hot → hotter, big → bigger ...*
- Change *y* to *i*: *happy → happier, angry → angrier ...*

See page 233: Spelling rules

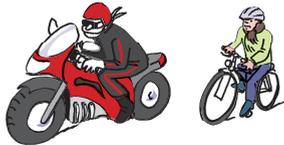
Key vocabulary Adjectives: young/old, fast/slow, cheap/expensive, big/small, good/bad, hot/cold, long/short, tall/short, boring/interesting, dangerous, safe, beautiful, happy (*short* is the opposite of *long* and *tall*)

1 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- Your car is faster (fast) than mine.
- My brother is (old) than me.
- I can buy a laptop – they're (cheap) now.
- A bicycle is (expensive) than a car.
- South Africa is (hot) than Iceland.
- I speak good English, but hers is (good).
- He's (happy) because it's the holiday.
- You are (beautiful) than ever!
- It's (safe) to travel by train than by car.

2 Look at the pictures and write comparative sentences.

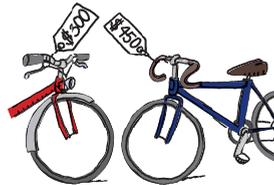
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- motorbike / fast / bicycle
A motorbike is faster than a bicycle.
- she / tall / him
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- red bike / expensive / blue bike
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- her book / interesting / his book
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3 Read the sentences. Then write two sentences to compare the information.

- Karen's twenty-nine. Tom's thirty.
Karen's younger than Tom. Tom's older than Karen.
- The Mississippi River is 3,733 kilometres. The Amazon River is 6,712 kilometres.
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- My flat is 1,000 m². Your house is 1,500 m².
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- Today, the temperature in Rome is 21°C. London is 5°C.
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