

COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

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Learn and practise | Compare two choices and explain a preference.

1. READ: Choosing a hotel

Read the conversation. Notice the bold comparative forms.

Amy: Which hotel shall we book, Ben?

Ben: The Park Hotel is **cheaper than** the Central Hotel.

Amy: Yes, but the Central is **closer to** the station.

Ben: True. Its rooms are **bigger** too.

Amy: Let's choose the Central. It's **more convenient** for our early train.

Ben: Okay. It's a little **more expensive**, but we can walk to the station.

2. GRAMMAR: Compare two things

Use a comparative adjective, often followed by than, to compare two people or things.

Pattern	Change	Example
Most short adjectives	Add -er	small - smaller
Longer adjectives	Use more	more comfortable
Irregular adjectives	Learn the form	good - better; bad - worse

Spelling: **nice - nicer; big - bigger; heavy - heavier.**

Use one pattern: **cheaper**, not more cheaper.

Compare: **This bag is heavier than that one.** A little / much can show the difference.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct form. The example answer is bold: small - **smaller** / more small.

1. big - bigger / biger

2. easy - easier / easier

3. good - gooder / better

4. hot - hotter / hotter

5. cheap - cheaper / more cheaper

6. interesting - interestinger / more interesting

7. bad - worse / badder

8. nice - nicer / niceer

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: Two flats

Write the comparative form of the adjective in brackets.

Mia: This flat is (1) _____ (small) than the other one.

Dan: Yes, but it's (2) _____ (cheap).

Mia: The kitchen is (3) _____ (modern) too.

Dan: True, but the other flat is (4) _____ (close) to work.

Mia: This street is (5) _____ (quiet). I like that.

Dan: Me too. I think this flat is (6) _____ (good) for us.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Correct the comparative form.

Example: more cheap **cheaper**

1. This room is more bigger.

2. The journey is more easy.

3-4: Write a comparison using the adjective in brackets. Example: A: 10 kg; B: 5 kg (heavy) **A is heavier than B.**

3. Bag A: £20; Bag B: £35 (cheap)

4. Ben: 25; Jo: 30 (young)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three comparisons about places or things you know. Use than in each sentence.

Example: **My bag is bigger than yours. Tea is cheaper than coffee. This room is quieter than the cafe.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Compare two places to study. Discuss size, price, noise and comfort.

Ask: **Which is quieter? Which is more comfortable?**

2. Choose one together and give two reasons using comparatives.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 1. bigger | 2. easier |
| 3. better | 4. hotter |
| 5. cheaper | 6. more interesting |
| 7. worse | 8. nicer |

B. COMPLETE: Two flats

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|----------------|------------|
| 1. smaller | 2. cheaper |
| 3. more modern | 4. closer |
| 5. quieter | 6. better |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. This room is bigger.
2. The journey is easier.
3. Bag A is cheaper than Bag B.
4. Ben is younger than Jo.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: My bag is bigger than yours. Tea is cheaper than coffee. This room is quieter than the cafe.

Teacher note: Accept equivalent comparisons that match the facts. Quieter and more quiet are possible; quieter is the model here. Use more modern, not moderner.