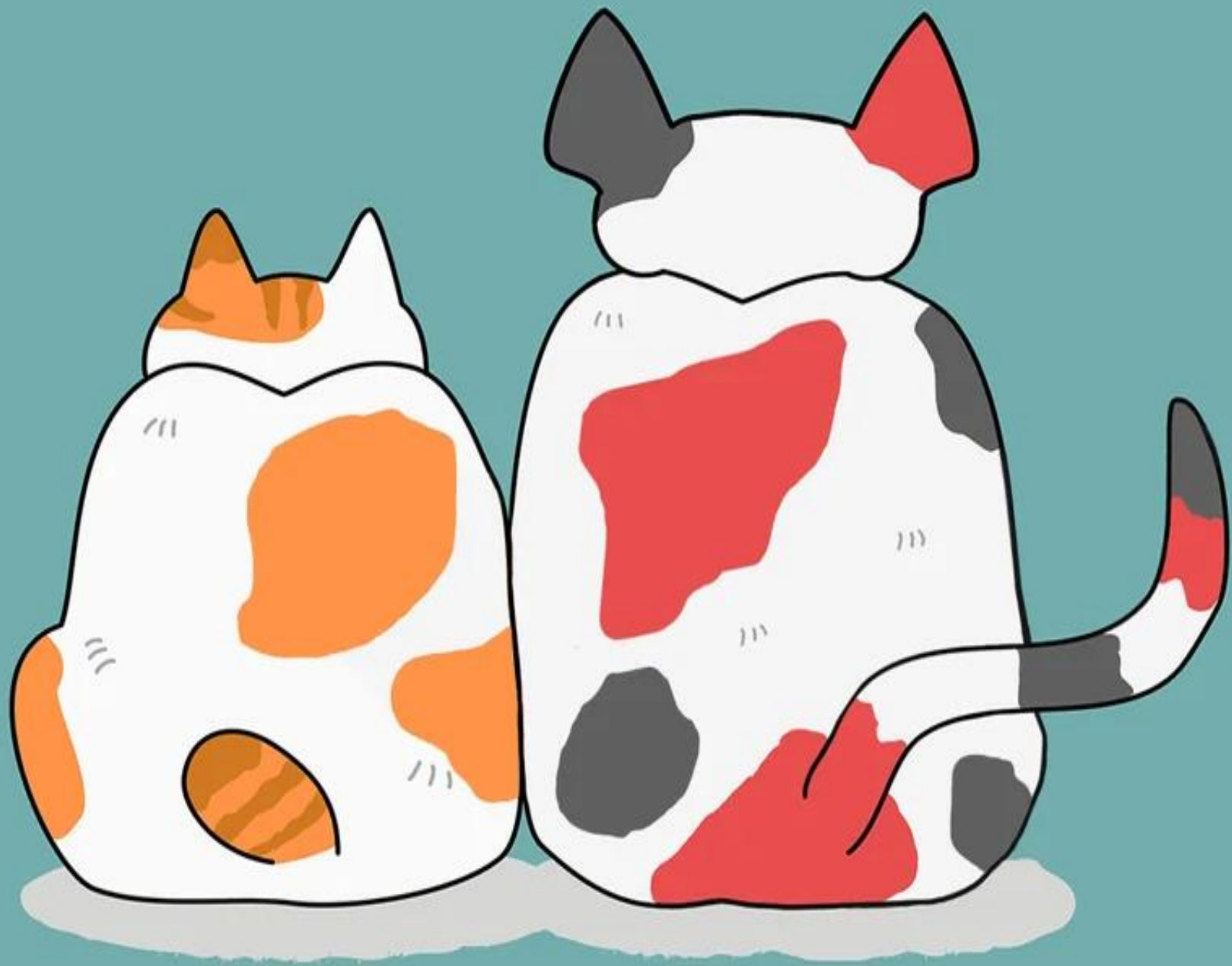


A cartoon illustration of a woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a red blazer over a purple top. She is smiling and pointing with her right hand towards the word 'ADJECTIVES' and with her left hand towards the word 'COMPARATIVE'.

COMPARATIVE

ADJECTIVES

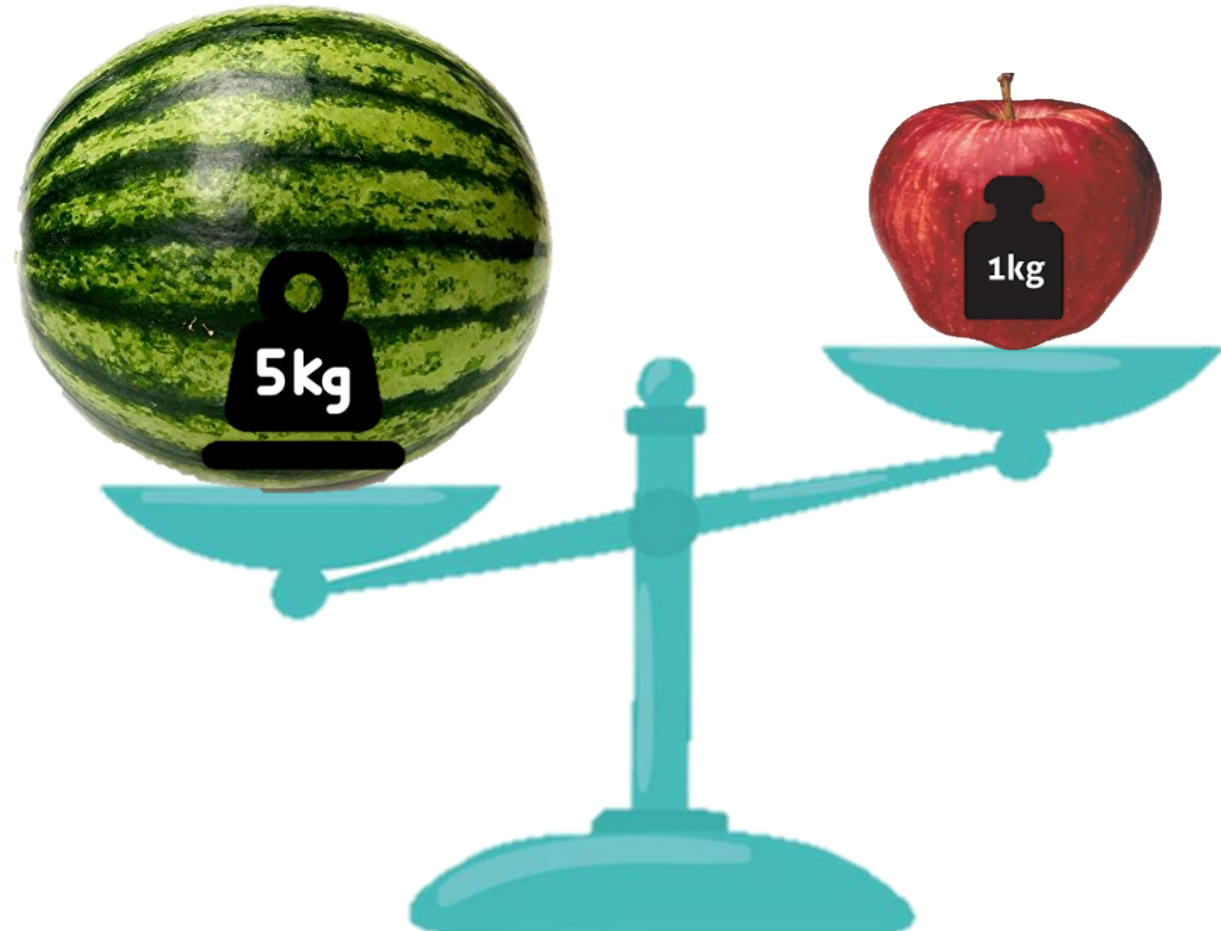


Comparative adjectives

A comparative adjective is an adjective used to compare **two** people or things.



The apple is **lighter** than a watermelon .
The watermelon is **heavier** than an apple .



The train is **faster** than a car.
The car is **slower** than a train.



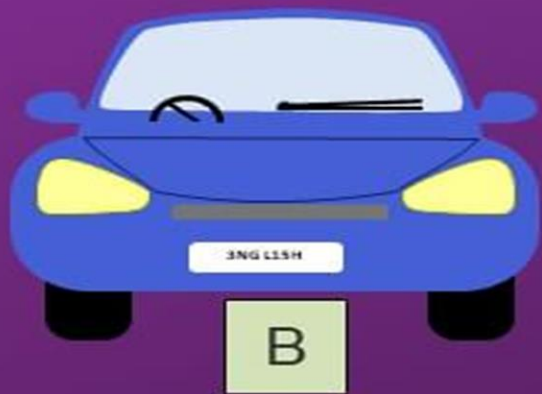
Bahram Afshari is taller than Amin Hayaiee.

Amin Hayaiee is shorter than Bahram Afshari.



comparatives

Comparatives are used when we want to show the difference between two objects.



Car B is bigger than car A.



Ash is more frightened than Tilly.



I'm healthier than Tony.

comparative adjectives - 2 syllables or less

adjective

+

er

+

than

easy
fast
fat
happy
tall

Draughts is easier than chess.
A cheetah is faster than a lion.
My burrito is fatter than yours.
Luna is happier than Sasha.
The oak is taller than the elm.



comparatives

There are some rules we follow when comparing two things.

description	original	comparative
one syllable adjectives (some two syllable adjectives)	old big hot strong short small cheap quiet	older bigger hotter stronger shorter smaller cheaper quieter
ending in y	noisy easy happy busy funny friendly pretty dirty	noisier easier happier busier funnier friendlier prettier dirtier

S + be
 + **comparative** + **than** + **O.**
 e.g. **Harry is shorter** than Ben.



HOT TIP
 For words ending in a consonant followed by 'y'. Change the 'y' to an 'i' and add the appropriate ending.

- 1** Complete Rosa's sentences with the words in the box.

newer older

José's house is
¹ _____ than
my house.



My house is
² _____ than
José's house.

Now complete the grammar sentences.

- 3** We add *-er* to short *adjectives* / *nouns* to make the comparative form.
- 4** We write *than* / *that* after the comparative.

short adjectives

tall	+ <i>-er</i>	+ <i>than</i>	Danny is taller than me.
safe	+ <i>-r</i>		The beach is safer than the sea.
hot	<i>double letter</i> + <i>-er</i>		Italy is hotter than England.
happy	y → <i>-i</i> + <i>-er</i>		Liz is happier than her sister.

long adjectives

interesting	+ <i>more</i>	+ <i>than</i>	Maths is more interesting than geography.
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2 Look at the examples.

adjective	comparative	spelling
big	bigger ^ʹ than	double letter + er
dirty	dirtier than	y → i + er
new	newer than	+ er
nice	nicer than	+ r
old	older than	+ er
small	smaller than	+ er

Now complete the table. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

clean	fat	happy	hot	hungry
long	sad	safe	tall	young

+ *er*

+ *r*

double letter + *er*

y → *i* + *er*

fatter

3 Complete the sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

hard hot long nice old young

- 0** Lisa's hair is longer than Mia's hair.
- 1** I love apples. They're oranges.
- 2** English is French. I'm not very good at French.
- 3** I'm my sister. She's 15 and I'm 12.
- 4** But I'm my brother. He's only two.
- 5** India is Canada.



PRONUNCIATION

than



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4 Listen and repeat.

- 1** Rosa's house is older than José's house.
- 2** The sea in Brazil is bluer than the sea in England.

- 5 Compare your home with the photos of houses on page 102. Make sentences and then tell your partner.

6 Look at the photos A–F. Talk about them with your partner. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in the box.

big	clean	dirty	happy	hot
long	new	nice	old	sad
short	slow	small	tall	young

The beach in picture A is cleaner than the beach in picture B.

The car in picture C is older than the car in picture D.





LONG

ADJECTIVES

Read the rules. Write the comparative forms of the adjectives in the box and then complete the table.

beautiful busy cold dirty exciting fat funny hard hot large late
long new popular tall thin

Comparatives: Long adjectives

Use **more** before **long adjectives** to make the comparative form.

badminton



Chinese checkers



Badminton is **more popular than** Chinese checkers .

Comparatives: Long adjectives

Use the word **more** to make the comparative form.

Long adjectives	Examples
Most two-syllable adjectives which do not end in -y	Candy is more polite than Maggie. Jacky is more helpful than Tom.
All adjectives of three syllables or more	Oranges are more delicious than apples. Potato chips are more popular than sour plums.

Comparatives: Long adjectives

Dancing	is	more	interesting	than	hiking.
Carol's dog			beautiful		Sue's.
Apples	are		popular		oranges.
Hot dogs			delicious		sandwiches.

verb

comparative (more + adjective)

than

Adjectives

Short adjectives

adj. + er + than

Tall – short – small – big
– clear – simple –

Ahmad is taller than Ali.

His handwriting is clearer than yours.

Long adjectives

more + adj. + than

beautiful – correct –
comfortable – difficult –

Math is more difficult than English.

Sofa is more comfortable than chair.

- 1** Look at the examples from page 104 and then complete the sentences.

The Eden Project is **more** unusual **than** Alton Towers.

Warwick Castle is **more** exciting **than** Woburn Safari Park.

- 1** We add *more* / *-er* to long adjectives when we compare things.
- 2** We write 'more' *before* / *after* a long comparative adjective.
- 3** We write 'than' *before* / *after* a comparative adjective.

2 Write sentences. Use the Grammar box in Exercise 1 to help you.

0 Houses / expensive / cars.

Houses are more expensive than cars.

1 The president of the USA / famous / my mum!

2 Science / interesting / maths.

3 The school garden / popular / the park.

4 Tennis / exciting / football.

5 This idea / unusual / that one.

6 Some animals / attractive / others.

- 3** Make sentences with nouns from Box A and adjectives from Box B, or use your own ideas. Make some sentences true and some false.

Box A: nouns

computers	Edinburgh	English	
geography	history	London	maths
my dad	my sister	my teacher	
New York	school	smartphones	
Sydney	the beach	the park	

Box B: adjectives

exciting	expensive	famous
fantastic	important	interesting
popular	unusual	

I think maths is more interesting than English.

5 Read about four families and then read the texts on page 104 again. With your partner, compare the days out for the different families and give reasons. Use the adjectives on pages 104–105.

I think the Eden Project is more interesting than Alton Towers for the Patel family because ...

Manesh Patel is a doctor and his wife, Jameela, is a teacher. They haven't got any children. Manesh likes animals and history, but Jameela thinks flowers are more interesting than animals.

The Baluchi family live in Harrogate, a town in the north of England. Jamal works in a bank and Naima works in a shop. Their son Rafi is six. He loves animals and thinks safaris are very exciting.

The Edwards family are from a small village in Wales. Caroline works in a hospital and the twins, Clara and Jack, are ten. They think history is boring, but Caroline loves it. She also likes gardens.

The Nowak family are on holiday in the UK. Jacek is a bus driver and he's got three children: Dobry, age 8, Lech, age 12, and Ewa, age 15. Jacek likes visiting old castles. The children want to do something more exciting and to have a good time.

SPEAKING

1 In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

Which places in your country do you want to visit for a family day out? Why?

Which places outside your country do you want to visit to do family activities? Why?

Are there any places you don't want to visit? Why?

2 Together, choose one place you both want to visit. Tell the class about it and say:

- where it is
- what kind of place it is
- what you can do there
- what you can see there
- when the best time to visit is
- what is unusual/attractive/exciting about it.

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1 Put the words in the right place in the table.

angry clean cold dirty easy fat heavy
hot late long new old sad small white

<i>+ -er</i>	<i>double letter + -er</i>	<i>y → -i + -er</i>	<i>ending with -e + -r</i>
<i>taller</i>	<i>bigger</i>	<i>happier</i>	<i>nicer</i>

2 Read the text. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

Mike and Rick are both tall. Mike is 1 metre 76 and Rick is 1 metre 80. Rick weighs 95 kilos. Mike is only 75 kilos. Rick's shirts are XL (extra large); Mike's are M (medium size). Mike is 27 years old and Rick is 29. Rick's got lots of friends – he's really nice, but Mike hasn't got many friends – he's always angry! Mike and Rick like running. Rick can run one kilometre in five minutes, but Mike can do it in only four minutes.

- 1 Mike's taller than Rick.
- 2 Rick's faster than Mike.
- 3 Rick's shorter than Mike.
- 4 Mike's friendlier and nicer than Rick.
- 5 Mike's older than Rick.
- 6 Rick's heavier than Mike.
- 7 Mike's slower than Rick.

3 Look at the information about two hotels and compare them. Use the words in brackets ().

	€/night	number of rooms	comfort	beach	attractions
Grand Hotel	€220	100	★★★★★	0.5 km	café, restaurant, garden, dancing, concerts
Hotel Murphy	€60	30	★★	2 km	board games, tea and coffee

- 0 *Grand Hotel is more expensive than Hotel Murphy* (expensive)
- 1 _____ (comfortable)
- 2 _____ (boring)
- 3 _____ (near)
- 4 _____ (peaceful)
- 5 _____ (exciting)
- 6 _____ (attractive)