

## English Grammar – Comparatives

These are used to compare two things. There are 3 types of comparative:

1a) For short adjectives, we add “er”:

Examples:

small	<b>smaller</b> than	
nice	<b>nicer</b> than	
short	<b>shorter</b> than	
big	<b>bigger</b> than	(CVC - extra consonant)
fat	<b>fatter</b> than	(CVC - extra consonant)
thin	<b>thinner</b> than	(CVC - extra consonant)

1b) For adjectives which finish with “y”, we replace “y” with “ier”:

Examples:

pretty	<b>prettier</b> than	(y → ier)
crazy	<b>crazier</b> than	(y → ier)
funny	<b>funnier</b> than	(y → ier)

2) For long adjectives, we use “more”:

Examples:

interesting	<b>more</b> interesting than
beautiful	<b>more</b> beautiful than
intelligent	<b>more</b> intelligent than

There are some exceptions:

good	<b>better</b> than
bad	<b>worse</b> than
far	<b>farther</b> (USA) / <b>further</b> (UK) than

**Exercise 1.** Complete the following sentences using the given adjectives:

1. My house is (*big*) \_\_\_\_\_ than yours.
2. Wine is (*expensive*) \_\_\_\_\_ than beer.
3. The weather today is (*bad*) \_\_\_\_\_ than it was yesterday.
4. He is (*smart*) \_\_\_\_\_ than me.
5. Mexico is (*violent*) \_\_\_\_\_ than the USA.
6. He is (*crazy*) \_\_\_\_\_ than Donald Trump!
7. London is (*beautiful*) \_\_\_\_\_ than Paris.
8. A vacation at the beach is (*good*) \_\_\_\_\_ than a vacation in the mountains.

**Exercise 2.** Complete the following sentences using your imagination:

1. São Paulo is \_\_\_\_\_ than Curitiba.
2. Cars are \_\_\_\_\_ than buses.
3. Norway is \_\_\_\_\_ than Brazil.
4. Florida is \_\_\_\_\_ than Alaska.
5. Football is \_\_\_\_\_ than golf.
6. Teenagers are \_\_\_\_\_ than kids.
7. Women are \_\_\_\_\_ than men.
8. Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ than cats.

**Online exercises:**

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/comparison/comparative-forms.htm>

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/comparison/comparison-write-1.htm>

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/comparison/comparison-write-2.htm>

<https://agendaweb.org/exercises/grammar/comparison/comparison-write-3.htm>