



COMPARATIVE FORMS

In English, adjectives and adverbs are used to compare objects, places and people with certain rules depending on the type of adjective (or adverb) that are used.

When we use one syllable adjectives or adverbs to compare, *er* is added at the end of the adjective (or adverb) followed by **than**. When the noun ends in a consonant preceded by a single vowel, the final consonant is duplicated.

Examples:

big **bigger than:** New York is bigger than Miami.
fast **faster than:** My car drives faster than yours.
fat **fatter than:** Michael is fatter than George.

When we make comparisons using two syllable adjectives that end in *y*, the *y* is changed into *ier* followed by **than**.

Examples:

crazy **crazier than:** He is crazier than his brother.
lazy **lazier than:** Peter is lazier than Mike.
busy **busier than:** My father is busier than yours.

When making a comparison using three or more syllable adjectives or any adverb ending in *ly*, *more* precedes the adjective or adverb and the word *than* follows it.

Examples:

beautiful more beautiful than She is more beautiful than her sister.
expensive more expensive than Gold is more expensive than silver.
slowly more slowly than He walks more slowly than his wife.



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Quiz A



Use the correct comparative form of the adjective given in parenthesis or “**more**” plus the adjective to fill in the blanks. Follow the examples:

Russia is _____ than Canada. (big)

Russia is **bigger** than Canada.

A gold ring is _____ than a silver ring.

A gold ring is **more** expensive than a silver ring.

1. New York is _____ than Boston. (large)
2. A stadium is _____ than a house. (big)
3. Planes are _____ than cars. (fast)
4. An avenue is _____ than a street. (wide)
5. An alley is _____ than a street. (narrow)
6. Lions are _____ than cats. (dangerous)
7. Parrots are _____ than parakeets. (noisy)
8. Cars are _____ than motorcycles. (safe)
9. English is _____ than Chinese. (easy)
10. Argentina is _____ than the United States. (small)
11. Gabriela is _____ than Patty. (smart)
12. Mathematics is _____ than English. (difficult)
13. A plane ticket is _____ than a bus ticket. (expensive)
14. A computer is _____ than a typewriter. (useful)
15. Cotton is _____ than leather. (soft)
16. New York has a _____ population than Denver. (large)
17. Some countries are _____ than others. (developed)
18. Mount Everest is _____ than Mount McKinley. (high)
19. The Amazon River is _____ than The Putumayo River. (long)
20. Watching cartoons is _____ than watching a soap opera. (funny)
21. Driving a car is _____ than riding a bike. (complicated)
22. Studying English is _____ than studying Latin. (useful)
23. Peter is _____ than his wife Susan. (old)
24. Eating vegetables is _____ than eating junk food. (healthy)