

Comparative adjectives

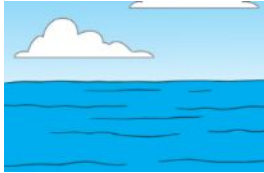
Short adjectives



A plane is quicker **er than** a train.



Apples are healthier **ier than** hamburgers.



Oceans are bigger **ger than** lakes.



Swimming pools are safer **r than** lakes.



Long adjectives



The tablet is more expensive than the MP3 player.



Skydiving is more dangerous than tennis.



adjective	comparative	
quick	quicker	than
big	bigger	
safe	safer	
easy	easier	
happy	happier	
expensive	more expensive	
dangerous	more dangerous	
good	better	
bad	worse	

Comparatives in action

Dan: My cat is **bigger than** your cat.

Sally: Yes, but my cat is **more dangerous than** your cat.

Dan: My cat's whiskers are **longer than** yours and he's **faster**, too.

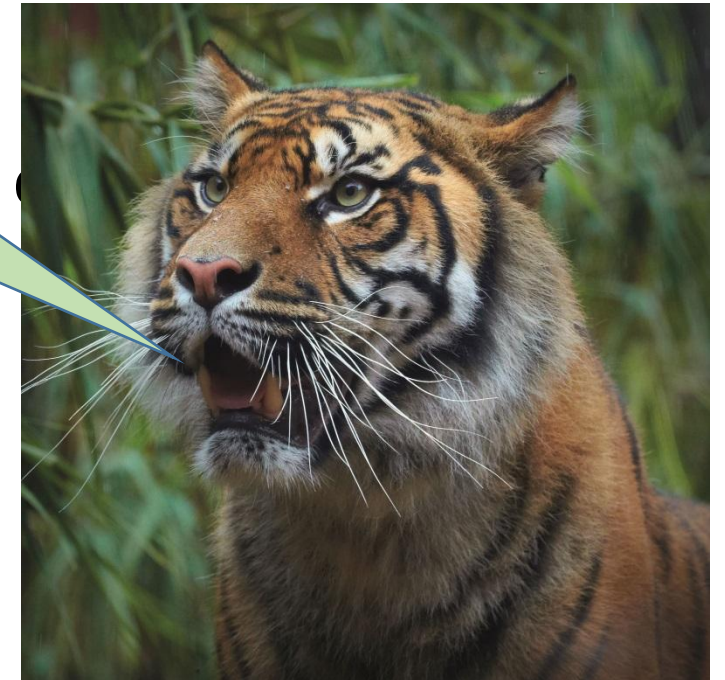
Sally: No, he's not. My cat can **run faster than** birds.

Dan: Well my cat is **more dangerous than** the birds.

Sally: Zebras? What is your cat?

Dan: It's a tiger!

Miaow!



GET IT RIGHT!

I can run ~~more~~ faster than you.



They are ~~more~~ worse than us.



Maths is more difficult ~~than~~ English.



Can you remember the rules?

- We use the comparative form of the adjective + than to compare two things. After comparative adjectives we use **than**.

My sister is **younger than** me. Australia is **smaller than** Brazil

Spelling rules

new**er**

eas

ier

quiet**er**

nice**e**

r

big**e**

ger

Can you remember the rules?

- With longer adjectives (adjectives with two or more syllables), we don't change the adjective – we put more in front of it.

~~expensive~~ **more** expensive

dangerous **more** dangerous

- Some adjectives are irregular. This means they have a different comparative form.

good

☐

better

bad

☐

worse

far

☐

farther / further

QUIZ!

- 1 The Pacific Ocean is smaller than the Atlantic Ocean. **FALSE**
- 2 Lake Vostok in Antarctica is deeper than Great Slave Lake in Canada. **TRUE**
- 3 The Congo River in Zaire and Congo is wider than the Missouri River in North America. **FALSE**
- 4 The Himalayas are longer than the Rockies. **FALSE**
- 5 The forests in Brazil are bigger than the forests in Russia. **TRUE**

Older, bigger, more!

**lives
closest to
school**

**big
family**

old

**long journey
to school**

**gets up
early**

young

goes to bed late

**spends time
on tablet**

has pets

**has a big
family**

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