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# The Comparison



## **Comparative**

**Short Adjective + er + than** 

This form is used with adjectives of one or two syllables (fast, big, hea/vy, cle/ver...)

- \* The rabbit is **faster than** the hen.
- \* The elephant is **heavier than** the horse.

more / less + long adjective + than

This form is used with adjectives of two OR more syllables (fa/mous, im/por/tant, ex/pen/sive...)

- \* This dress is more expensive than that shirt.
- \* Messi is more famous than Ronaldo.

more / less + Adverb + than

- \* he speaks more fluently than her.
- \* she writes less clearly than her brother.

#### more / less + Noun + than

- \* he received more presents than he had expected.
- \* he drank less coffee than his friend.

More: comparative of superiority

**Less:comparative of inferiority** 

## **Comparison of equality**

as + adjective + as:(positive type)

- \* Jane is as clever as her sister.
- \* Money is as important as education.
- \* You are as slow as a tortoise.

not so + adjective + as:(negative type)

- \* My father is **not so rich as** my uncle. = My uncle is **richer than** my father.
- \* John is **not so tall as** Tom. = John **is shorter than** Tom.

\* This mountain is **not so high as** Mount Everest. = Mount Everest **is higher than** this mountain.

- \* She bought as many books as she needed.
- \* They will be given as much milk as they want.

### **Comparison of degree**

This form is used to show the degree of comparison between two different sides (people or things). Some adverbs are used: twice, three times, four times...

- \* This building is **twice as high as** that house.
- \* I've got four times as much money as you have.
- \* Our school is three times as big as your school.

#### **Other comparative structures**

- \* It's getting darker and darker.
- \* She's becoming more and more beautiful.
- \* The sooner you come, the better it will be.

# **The Superlative**

the + short adjective + est (+ of all):

- \* The Quran is **the greatest** book of all.
- \* Ahmad is one of **the cleverest** students at the university.

the + most /least + long adjective :

\* China is **the most populated** country in the world.

# **Irregular Comparatives and Superlatives**

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	The best
well (adverb)		The best
bad	worse	The worst
far	further	The Furthest
little	less	The Least
much	more	The most
many		