

# Comparatives

It's used to compare **two** things or people.

## Superiority

Small adjective: adj + "er"

calm - **calmer**

old - **older**

short - **shorter**

*My dog is calmer than your cat.*

*That turtle was older than my grandmother.*

*In the past, people used to have shorter lives than we have now.*

Long adjective: more + adj

beautiful - **more** beautiful

intelligent - **more** intelligent

expensive - **more** expensive

*She is more beautiful than me.*

*Mark is more intelligent than his brother.*

*Living in RJ is more expensive than living in Porto Alegre.*

Adjectives ending in "y": remove "y" + "ier"

happy - **happier**

funny - **funnier**

lovely - **lovelier**

*I feel happier in the Summer.*

*Jim Carrey is funnier than Faustão.*

*His dad is lovelier than his mom.*

Adjectives ending in Consonant Vowel Consonant: double last consonant + "er"

hot - **hotter**

big - **bigger**

thin - **thinner**

*Salvador is hotter than Florianópolis.*

*SP is bigger than Brasília.*

*This book is thinner than the last one I read.*

Irregular adjectives

good - **better**

bad - **worse**

far - **farther** *physically distant*

**further** *hypothetical distance*

*I am better in Maths than in Science.*

*This movie is worse than its book.*

*I live farther from school than you.*

*I stopped reading this book, I will not go any further.*

## Inferiority

Less + adjective

popular - **less** popular

economic - **less** economic

deep - **less** deep

*John is less popular than Bill.*

*That car is less economic than mine.*

*My swimming pool is less deep than the one at the club.*

## Equality

As "adjective" as

careful - **as** careful **as**

smart - **as** smart **as**

important - **as** important **as**

*My mom is as careful as my dad.*

*Mary is as smart as Charles.*

*Nurses are as important as doctors.*

## Emphasize

much, way, a lot + comparative: big differences

a bit, a little, a little bit, slightly + comparative: small differences

*Switzerland is much more expensive than Italy. / Switzerland is way more expensive than Italy. / Switzerland is a lot more expensive than Italy.*

*Molly is a bit taller than her sister. / Molly is a little taller than her sister.*

*Molly is a little bit taller than her sister. / Molly is slightly taller than her sister.*

## Common mistakes!

### more and -er

We use more or -er, but we cannot use more + -er.

*My brother is taller than me. (NOT My brother is more taller than me.)*

### that

After a comparative adjective, we use than and NOT that.

*My brother is taller than me. (NOT My brother is taller that me.)*

### than without the second element of the comparison

We use than + the second thing that we are comparing. When we don't mention the second element of the comparison, we do NOT use than.

*My brother is taller than me.*

*I am tall, but my brother is taller. (NOT my brother is taller than.)*