

## THE COMPARATIVE OF SUPERIORITY

1) adjective / adverb  $\Rightarrow$  1 syllable

**adjective / adverb + "-er" (+ than)**

tall $\Rightarrow$ <b>taller</b>	short $\Rightarrow$ <b>shorter</b>
old $\Rightarrow$ <b>older</b>	young $\Rightarrow$ <b>younger</b>
big $\Rightarrow$ <b>bigger</b> *	fat $\Rightarrow$ <b>fatter</b> *

\* (The final consonant is doubled).

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Examples:

My father is **taller**.

Her house is **bigger**.

**(+ than ...)**

He is **older than** me.

They arrived **later than** him.

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2) adjective / adverb  $\Rightarrow$  3 or more syllables

**more + adjective / adverb (+ than)**

comfortable $\Rightarrow$ <b>more comfortable</b>
difficult $\Rightarrow$ <b>more difficult</b>
expensive $\Rightarrow$ <b>more expensive</b>
interesting $\Rightarrow$ <b>more interesting</b>

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Examples:

That exercise is **more difficult**.

Susan is **more intelligent than** Betty.

This chair is **more comfortable**.



3) adjective  $\Rightarrow$  2 syllables

a)  $\left. \begin{array}{l} -y \\ -ow \\ -le \\ -er \end{array} \right\} \text{adjective} + \text{"er"} (+ \text{than})$

Examples:

This road is **narrower than** that one.

John is **cleverer than** Mike.

Maggie is **prettier\*** than her sister.

\* "-y"  $\Rightarrow$  i + er

3) adjective  $\Rightarrow$  2 syllables

b) Not ending in "-y", "-ow", "-le", "-er"

more + adjective (+ than)

Examples:

This picture is **more modern**.

This movie is **more boring than** that one.

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### 4) Irregular comparatives

good /well  $\Rightarrow$  **better**

bad/badly  $\Rightarrow$  **worse**

far  $\Rightarrow$  **farther/further**

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### 4) Irregular comparatives

much  $\Rightarrow$  **more**

many  $\Rightarrow$  **more**

little  $\Rightarrow$  **less**

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### Examples:

My new car is **better** than his.

Your situation is **worse** than ours.

They have **more** brothers than us.

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**more + noun**

Does he want **more** milk?

There are **more** books in the bedroom.

### Tweet Break!

- Rock, pop, soul, hip-hop, country, blues, and jazz are among America's most internationally renowned genres of music.
- The birth and development of cinema largely took place in the United States. Hollywood, California is the movie capital of the world.
- With the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the USA became the world's sole remaining superpower and continues to exert dominant economic, political, cultural, and military influence around the globe.
- The U.S. has a large tourist industry, ranking third in the world.
- Following World War II, a shift occurred with the decline of Paris as the world's art center and the emergence of New York as the center of contemporary fine art.
- Automobiles take up almost a quarter of the land area of Los Angeles.
- Ben and Jerry's send the waste from making ice cream to local pig farmers to use as feed. Pigs love the stuff, except for one flavor: Mint Oreo.

Elegir la forma correcta del comparativo de superioridad de los siguientes adjetivos.

**1 new**

- a. newwer
- b. more new
- c. newer

**2 happy**

- a. more happy
- b. happier
- c. happyer

**3 far**

- a. farer
- b. farrer
- c. further



**4 boring**

- a. more boring
- b. boringer
- c. boringger

**5 late**

- a. more late
- b. later
- c. more later

**INTERMEDIATE**

Level

**UNIDAD 55**

**EJERCICIOS**



#### Elegir la oración correcta en cada caso.

- 6 a. Is Eleonora fatter than her sister?  
b. Is Eleonora fatter as her sister?  
c. Is Eleonora more fat than her sister?

- 7 a. Today I feel gooder than yesterday.  
b. Today I feel better as yesterday.  
c. Today I feel better than yesterday.

- 8 a. This street is very narrow but that one is narrowwer.  
b. This street is very narrow but that one is more narrow.  
c. This street is very narrow but that one is narrower.

- 9 a. This exam is as easy as the last one I did.  
b. This exam is easier as the last one I did.  
c. This exam is more easy than the last one I did.

- 10 a. The cell phone is cheapper than the computer.  
b. The cell phone is cheaper than the computer.  
c. The cell phone is cheaper as the computer.



**Soluciones:** 1.- c) newer 2.- b) happier 3.- c) further 4.- a) more boring 5.- b) later 6.- a) Is Eleonora fatter than her sister? 7.- c) Today I feel better than yesterday. 8.- c) This street is very narrow but that one is narrower. 9.- a) This exam is as easy as the last one I did. 10.- b) The cell phone is cheaper than the computer.