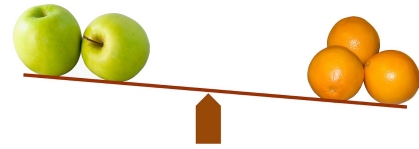


Comparatives Discussion

When you make a comparative, you add “-er” or “more” to an adjective.

Examples:

1. That guy is more interesting than my teacher.
2. The dog is bigger than the cat.
3. My coworker is friendlier than my boss.



1 syllable	2 syllables ending in -y	2 or more syllables
bigger	friendlier	more interesting
fatter	crazier	more beautiful
sadder	happier	more boring
madder, darker, wider	prettier, uglier, lazier	more dangerous

A. Add another word to the final row of each category. *Some example answers are provided above.*

B. In addition to the rules above, there are some irregular comparatives. Do you know the comparatives of the following adjectives?

1. good **better**
2. bad **worse**
3. far **farther, further**
4. fun **more fun**

C. Try making your own comparative sentences using the prompts below.

1. old man, young man, happy ***The old man is happier than the young man.***
2. pop music, rock music, good ***Pop music is better than rock music.***
3. the beach, the mountains, exciting ***The beach is more exciting than the mountains.***

D. Ask and answer the following discussion questions as partners. Fill in the blanks with comparatives as you go.

1. When you were a child, was science or math **harder** for you? Why? (hard)
2. What is **more difficult** to learn, English or your own language? Why? (difficult)

3. Is life **easier** for children today or children when you were young? Why? (easy)
4. Who is **busier**, children nowadays or children from the past? Why? (busy)
5. Has technology made our lives **better**? Why or why not? (good)
6. Are you **more interested** in technology now or were you **more interested** when you were young? Why? (interested)
7. What's **more convenient**, shopping in-store or online? Why? (convenient)
8. Is it **more useful** to buy new clothes, new electronics, or something else? Why? (useful)
9. Is it a **bigger** waste of time to play a video game or scroll on social media? Why? (big)
10. Is it **more efficient** to work in the office or at home? Why? (efficient)
11. If you could choose, would you prefer work/school to start **earlier** or **later**? Why? (early, late)
12. Are you **more active** in the morning or at night? Why? (active)
13. Is it **more entertaining** to play sports or watch sports? (entertaining)
14. Would it be **more fun** to learn a musical instrument or learn to paint? Why? (fun)
15. What's **cooler** comedies or action movies? Why? (cool)
16. If you could go on vacation to the beach or a historical city, which would be **nicer** for you? Why? (nice)
17. Would you prefer a **calmer** vacation or a **more exciting** one? Why? (calm, exciting)
18. Would you like to live in a **bigger** home? Why or why not? (big)
19. If you could choose, would you prefer to be **taller** or **funnier**? Why? (tall, funny)
20. When you're older, do you think you will be **wiser** or **braver**? Why? (wise, brave)