

The Comparative

The comparative is used to compare and contrast two things. It shows the difference between two objects, places or people. **For example:** *Brazil is larger than Colombia.* (In this example we are comparing the size of two countries.)

There are some simple rules for forming the comparative:

1. One Syllable Regular Adjectives

Add “er” to the end of the adjective.

Long — Longer Hot — Hotter* Big — Bigger* Fast — Faster

* If the one-syllabic adjective ends with a single consonant, we double the final consonant.

For Example:

- London is **nicer** than Madrid
- María is **taller** than me.

2. Two Syllable Adjectives that end in “y”.

Eliminate the “y” and add “ier”.

Funny — Funnier Pretty — Prettier Happy — Happier

For Example:

- I think Reading is **funnier** than watching TV

3. Two+ Syllable Regular Adjectives

Use “more” before the adjective.

Dangerous — More Dangerous Beautiful — More Beautiful Expensive — More expensive

For Example:

- Soccer is **more interesting** than baseball.

4. Irregular Adjectives

Good — Better Bad — Worst Far — Further

For Example:

- Drinking water is **better** for your health than drinking soda.