

## 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.