

COMPARATIVES

- How do we form *comparative statements*? Study the **grammar reference chart** below.

● Adjectives with one syllable: add '-er' or '-r' + 'than'		
cold	colder than	<i>"In Canada, winter is colder than summer."</i>
nice	nicer than	<i>"Chocolate ice-cream is nicer than strawberry ice-cream."</i>

● Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'more' + 'than'		
boring	more boring than	<i>"I think golf is more boring than baseball."</i>
expensive	more expensive than	<i>"This restaurant is more expensive than that restaurant."</i>

● Adjectives with two syllables that end in '-y': change '-y' to '-i' and add '-er' + 'than'		
early	earlier than	<i>"He arrived at school earlier than I did."</i>
happy	happier than	<i>"John looks happier than David."</i>

● Adjectives that end with a single vowel and a consonant: double the final letter before adding 'than'		
big	bigger than	<i>"Russia is bigger than Canada."</i>
hot	hotter than	<i>"In my country, August is hotter than January."</i>

NOTE: When a comparative statement is used to answer a question, it is not necessary to use 'than' if only one person, place or thing is mentioned.

Example:

- (A) Which month is hotter, January or August?
 (B) August is hotter.

Irregular Comparative Adjectives:

- good – **better than**
 bad – **worse than**
 far – **farther than / further than**