

Comparative Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word or phrase that is used to describe a noun or pronoun.

A **comparative adjective** is used to make a comparison between two things. This comparison may show *equality* or *inequality* between the two things.

Equal Comparisons:

- To show an equal comparison, you need to use an **adjective** between the subordinating conjunctions “**as**”.

- To show an equal comparison, use the form: as [adjective] as



Example: Julia is as tall as the bookshelf.

Example: The water is as cold as ice.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

- The light shines as _____ as the sun.
- The runner moves as _____ as the wind.
- The apple is as _____ as a fire truck.
- The giraffe is as _____ as the tree.
- That clock is as _____ as my grandfather.
- His voice was as _____ as thunder.
- The truck was as _____ as a house.
- Your book bag is _____ as a rock.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an equal comparison.

1) _____

2) _____

Unequal Comparisons:

- To show an unequal comparison, you need to use an **adjective** followed by the subordinating conjunction “**than**”. You may have to double the final consonant letter for some comparative adjectives.

- To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with one syllable, you must add “**er**” to the ending.

[adjective + “er”] than

Example: Yuri is smarter than Joe.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

- Dennis is _____ (old) than Kiki.
- I am _____ (tall) than the bookshelf.

3. My dog is _____ (fast) than my cat.
4. The soup is _____ (hot) than the milk.
5. The rock is _____ (hard) than the banana.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with one syllable.

1) _____

2) _____

- To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that ends in “y”, you must omit the “y” and add “ier” to the ending.

[adjective + “ier”] than

Example: The plane is heavier than the bird.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. Yuki was at school _____ (early) than I was.
2. Rice is _____ (sticky) than salad.
3. This exercise is _____ (tricky) than the last one.
4. My little brother is _____ (silly) than I am.
5. This picture is _____ (pretty) than the other one.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that ends in “y”.

1) _____

2) _____

- To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that does not end in “y”, the ending of the adjective remains unchanged and you must use “more” or “less” before the adjective.

[more / less] [adjective] than

Example: The butterfly is more beautiful than the spider.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. Her motorcycle is _____ (dangerous) than my car.
2. Gold is _____ (expensive) than silver.
3. Butterflies are _____ (beautiful) than snakes.
4. The grey jacket is _____ (colorful) than the pink one.
5. I am _____ (tired) now than I was this morning.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that does not end in “y”.

1) _____

2) _____