

Comparing places, people and objects - - Comparative forms #1 -

Sometimes we want to **compare** two places, people or objects (to show a difference between them)..

To do this, we need to remember our adjectives:

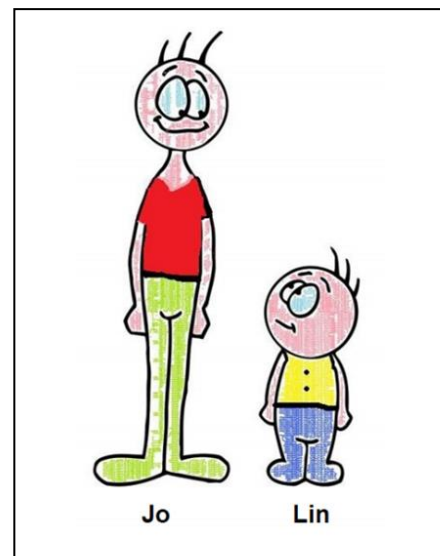
e.g. small, big, hot, nice.

That's because we use adjectives in a special way to make the comparison.

Look at these sentences:

- ✓ Jo is **taller** than Lin.
- ✓ Summer is **nicer** than winter.
- ✓ Dubai is **hotter** than Britain.

Taller, nicer and hotter are called **comparatives**.



How Do You Make Comparatives?

These are the first rules you need to know about making comparatives.

1. When the adjective has **one syllable** make the comparative form by adding **-er**.

Examples:

- *long – longer*
- *tall – taller*

But...

2. If the one-syllable adjective ends with an **e**, then only add **-r**.

Examples:

- *nice – nicer*
- *large – larger*

And...

3. For one-syllable adjectives that end with consonant+vowel+consonant, then you double the last consonant and add **-er**.

Examples:

- *big – bigger*
- *hot – hotter*

TOP TIP: Remember to include “than” in a sentence which compares two people, places or objects together.

e.g.

A Ferrari is faster than a Honda.

An elephant is larger than a cow.

A basketball is bigger than a tennis ball.

Are you ready to move on to the next Tip Sheet: Comparatives #2?

Regards, Ian