

Comparing places, people and objects - - Comparative forms #3 -

We have already looked at how to **compare** two places, people or objects using adjectives which have one or two syllables (Tip Sheets Comparative Forms #1 and #2).

e.g: *slower* *bigger* *more peaceful* *happier*

Now we are going to look at how to make comparatives when the adjective has three or more syllables.

e.g. difficult, interesting, exciting.

Then we will look at some irregular comparatives (those which don't have rules).

How Do You Make These Comparatives?

These are the third set of rules you need to know about making comparatives.

1. As a general rule, when the adjective has **three or more syllables** we make the comparative form by using **more** + adjective.

Examples:

- *difficult* – **more** *difficult*
- *exciting* – **more** *exciting*



I think football is more exciting than golf.

But...

2. If the three-syllable adjective starts with **un-** and ends with **y**, then we change the y to **i** and add **-er**.

Examples:

- *unhappy* – **unhappier**
- *untidy* – **untidier**

Irregular comparatives

There are some adjectives which do not follow any rules when we make the comparatives.

- *good – better*
- *bad – worse*
- *far – farther/further*
- *ill- worse*
- *well – better*
- *many – more*
- *much – more*
- *little (amount) - less*

TOP TIP: As we saw in the other two Comparatives Tip sheets, remember to include “than” in a sentence which compares two people, places or objects together.

e.g.

My English exam was more difficult than my maths exam..
than Toy Story 2. Mike has more shoes than Mary.

Toy Story 3 is better

If you enjoyed these three Tip Sheets on Comparatives, then look out for the Tip Sheets on Superlatives.