

Introduction to Comparatives

Activity Type

Reading and writing exercises

Focus

Comparative adjectives
Comparatives with 'than'

Aim

To learn and practice comparative adjectives and comparative sentences with 'than'.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This comparatives worksheet helps students learn and practice comparative adjectives and comparative sentences with 'than'.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by categorizing adjectives and writing them in their comparative form.

Exercise A - Answer key

Group 1: taller, longer, smaller, older, nicer, hotter, faster

Group 2: lazier, sunnier, funnier, healthier, happier, smellier, shinier

Group 3: more exciting, more popular, more dangerous, more delicious, more creative, more interesting, more beautiful

Group 4: good / better, bad / worse

Next, students complete sentences with the comparative form of adjectives + than.

Exercise B - Answer key

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| 1. faster than | 5. better than | 9. happier than |
| 2. funnier than | 6. more difficult than | 10. sunnier than |
| 3. worse than | 7. more creative than | |
| 4. heavier than | 8. more exciting than | |

Students then move on to rearrange words to form comparative sentences.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. Summer is hotter than winter.
2. Cities are busier than villages.
3. Football is more popular than hockey.
4. Cars are more expensive than bicycles.
5. Rome is older than Sydney.
6. Chocolate is more delicious than spinach.
7. Playing games is more interesting than doing homework.
8. Cats are lazier than dogs.
9. Salmon are less dangerous than sharks.
10. My sister's hair is longer than mine.

Lastly, students do a multiple choice exercise where they choose the correct answer and complete comparative sentences.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. b, 2. a, 3. b, 4. b, 5. a, 6. b, 7. a, 8. a, 9. b, 10 a

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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A. Put the adjectives in the correct group and write the comparative form.

smart exciting lazy sunny intelligent tall popular dangerous
good bad funny long busy small healthy delicious old
happy nice smelly creative hot interesting shiny beautiful fast

Group 1: Adjectives with one syllable

...*smart*.....
...*smarter*.....

Group 2: Adjectives with two syllables that end in 'y'

...*busy*.....
...*busier*.....

Group 3: Adjectives with two or more syllables, not ending in 'y'

...*intelligent*.....
...*more intelligent*.....

Group 4: Irregular adjectives

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B. Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives + than.

1. Cheetahs are (fast) dogs.
2. My best friend is (funny) my brother.
3. Travelling by bus is (bad) travelling by car.
4. Books are (heavy) feathers.
5. Studying is (good) doing nothing.
6. Speaking English is (difficult) reading English.
7. Fashion designers are (creative) doctors.
8. Horror movies are (exciting) romantic movies.
9. Children are (happy) adults.
10. Egypt is (sunny) Germany.



C. Rearrange the words to form comparative sentences.

1. than / winter / hotter / summer / is

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2. cities / than / busier / are / villages

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3. popular / hockey / is / football / more / than

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4. more / bicycles / than / expensive / are / cars

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5. is / older / than / Sydney / Rome

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6. chocolate / spinach / than / delicious / is / more

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7. playing / more / is / games / interesting / homework / than / doing

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8. lazier / dogs / than / are / cats

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9. less / sharks / salmon / are / than / dangerous

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10. mine / my / longer / is / sister's / than / hair

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D. Choose the correct answer and complete the comparatives sentences.

1. Diamonds are rubies. a. more shiny than b. shinier than

2. My house is yours. a. nicer than b. nicier than

3. Cheese is socks. a. more smelly than b. smellier than

4. Geraldine is Henry. a. more smart than b. smarter than

5. Mice are elephants. a. smaller than b. more small than

6. Mountains are trees. a. tallier than b. taller than

7. Salad is fast food. a. healthier than b. more healthy than

8. Roses are tulips. a. more beautiful than b. beautifuler than

9. Cows are dolphins. a. more intelligent than b. less intelligent than

10. Fire is ice. a. hotter than b. more hot than