

A



Older / heavier / more expensive are *comparative* forms.

The comparative is **-er (older)** or **more . . . (more expensive)**.

B

Older/heavier, etc.

Short words (1 syllable) → **-er**:

old → older	slow → slower	cheap → cheaper
nice → nicer	late → later	big → bigger

For spelling, see Appendix 5. big → bigger hot → hotter thin → thinner

Words ending in **-y** → **-ier**:

easy → easier	heavy → heavier	early → earlier
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- Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

Far → **farther**:

- "How far is it to the station? A mile?" "No, it's **farther**. About two miles."

C

More . . .

Long words (2/3/4 syllables) → **more . . .**:

careful → more careful	polite → more polite
expensive → more expensive	interesting → more interesting

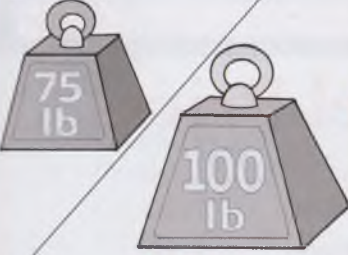
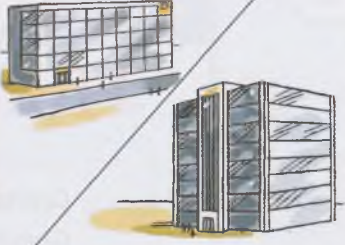
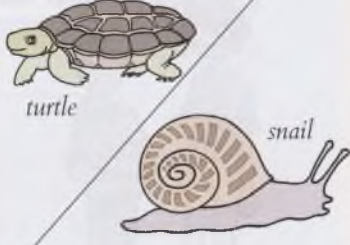

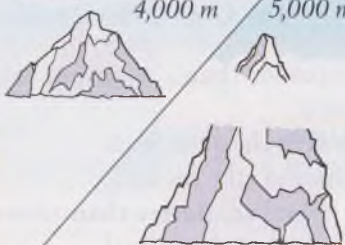

- You should be **more careful**.
- I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

D

Good/well → **better** **bad** → **worse**

- The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- "Do you feel **better** today?" "No, I feel **worse**."
- Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

8.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (*older / more interesting, etc.*).

<p>1. heavy</p>  <p><i>heavier</i></p>	<p>2. big</p> 	<p>3. slow</p>  <p>turtle snail</p>
<p>4. expensive</p> 	<p>5. high</p> 	<p>6. dangerous</p> 

8.2 Write the comparative.

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. old <u>older</u> | 6. good _____ |
| 2. strong _____ | 7. large _____ |
| 3. happy _____ | 8. serious _____ |
| 4. modern _____ | 9. pretty _____ |
| 5. important _____ | 10. crowded _____ |

8.3 Write the opposite.

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|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. younger <u>older</u> | 4. better _____ |
| 2. colder _____ | 5. nearer _____ |
| 3. cheaper _____ | 6. easier _____ |

8.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a bigger one.
- My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something more interesting.
- You're not very tall. Your brother is _____.
- David doesn't work very hard. I work _____.
- My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is _____.
- Your idea isn't very good. My idea is _____.
- These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are _____.
- My suitcase isn't very heavy. Your suitcase is _____.
- I'm not very interested in art. I'm _____ in history.
- It isn't very warm today. It was _____ yesterday.
- These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted _____.
- Peru isn't very big. Brazil is _____.
- Los Angeles isn't very beautiful. San Francisco is _____.
- This knife isn't very sharp. Do you have a _____ one?
- People today aren't very polite. In the past they were _____.
- The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much _____.