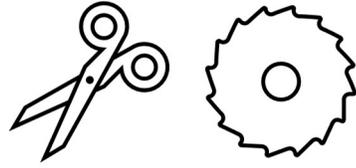


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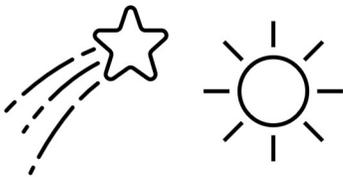
Sharp

Pretty



To Dress

Convenient



Bright



Playful Dog

Comparatives

Use the comparative to show that something has a greater quality of some trait compared to another subject.

One Syllable / -er

small – smaller - This book is smaller than that book.
cold – colder - Alaska is colder than Hawaii.
young – younger - You are younger than your parents.

One Syllable ends in /e/ -r

safe – safer - Japan is safer than most countries.
nice – nicer - The weather is nicer in summer.
close – closer - His house is closer to the airport than mine.

Consonant + Vowel + Consonant -(x)er

hot – hotter - It is usually hotter at noon than midnight.
big – bigger - My town is bigger than before.
fat – fatter - I am always a little fatter after the holidays.

Two Syllables end in /y/ -ier

happy – happier - I am happier now than before.
angry – angrier - The boss is angrier in the morning.
pretty – prettier - That shirt looked prettier on you.

Two or More Syllables >> more -

dangerous – more dangerous
The city is more dangerous now.
expensive – more expensive
Everything is more expensive these days.
difficult – more difficult
This test is more difficult than the last one.

Irregular

good – better - Life was better before.

bad – worse - I am still sick. I feel worse than yesterday.

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Comparatives

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: I see you got a new phone.

Woman: Yeah, I just got it yesterday.

Man: How is it?

Woman: Great. It is **better** than my last phone. It is also **lighter**.

Man: How's the camera? Does it take **better** pictures?

Woman: Yes. The pictures are great. The images are **brighter** and **sharper**.
Much **prettier** than before.

Man: Sounds great. I should get a new phone as well.

Woman: Well, if you do buy it online, it's **cheaper**.

Man: Good advice. I think I'll do that.

Conversation 2 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: How is your online class going?

Woman: Good. It's **better** than I expected.

Man: Oh, I'm happy to hear that.

Woman: Yeah, it's **more convenient** to study at home and it is also **more relaxing**.

Man: How so?

Woman: Well, I don't have to get dressed or go sit at a desk.

Man: Plus you can get up **later**.

Woman: Yes. That is a big advantage. However, it's **more interesting** to study with people in class.

Man: Yeah, for some, I suppose. But not everyone.

Conversation 3 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So do you prefer cats or dogs?

Woman: I prefer dogs. They're much **more playful**.

Man: That may be true, but cats are **cheaper**. They don't eat as much as dogs.

Woman: That is true. Dogs eat a lot, so they usually are **more expensive**.
However, **smaller** dogs don't eat so much.

Man: Also, cats are *easier* to take care of. Dogs are *more demanding*.

Woman: Usually. Plus you don't have to walk cats.

Man: I want a dog actually, but I need a *bigger* place if I get one.

Woman: You would. Your place is too small.

Conversation 4 | [Free PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: What do you usually do for dinner?

Woman: I usually cook at home. I never go out.

Man: Really? I never cook. I always eat out.

Woman: You should cook more. It's *much healthier* and *cheaper*

Man: Maybe, but eating out is *more convenient* and it's easier.

Woman: Not always. Plus, it is much *more expensive* to eat out all the time. Cooking is much *cheaper*.

Man: Not for me. When I buy groceries, I always end up wasting it. Plus cooking is *more stressful*. It is *more relaxing* to eat in a restaurant

Woman: Maybe, but cooking is *more enjoyable*. I could never eat out every night.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What phone was lighter?

a) New phone

b) Old Phone

2) What does she like about studying in class?

a) It is more relaxing

b) It is more interesting

3) What pet is more demanding?

a) Cats

b) Dogs

4) What is more wasteful for the man?

a) Cooking

b) Eating out

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

1) Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- brighter
- new
- yesterday

- cheaper
- better
- pictures

- it
- well
- advice

Conversation 1

Man: I see you got a ___ phone.

Woman: Yeah, I just got it ___.

Man: How is ___?

Woman: Great. It is ___ than my last phone. It is also lighter.

Man: How's the camera? Does it take better ___?

Woman: Yes. The pictures are great. The images are ___ and sharper. Much prettier than before.

Man: Sounds great. I should get a new phone as ___.

Woman: Well, if you do buy it online, it's ___.

Man: Good ____. I think I'll do that.

2) Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- interesting
- later
- hear

- so
- going
- not

- dressed
- better
- convenient

Conversation 2

Man: How is your online class ___?

Woman: Good. It's ___ than I expected.

Man: Oh, I'm happy to ___ that.

Woman: Yeah, it's more ___ to study at home and it is also more relaxing.

Man: How ___?

Woman: Well, I don't have to get ___ or go sit at a desk.

Man: Plus you can get up ___.

Woman: Yes. That is a big advantage. However, it's more ___ to study with people in class.

Man: Yeah, for some, I suppose. But ___ everyone.

3) Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- walk
- easier
- prefer

- too
- cheaper
- expensive

- bigger
- playful

Conversation 3

Man: So do you ___ cats or dogs?

Woman: I prefer dogs. They're much more ___.

Man: That may be true, but cats are ____. They don't eat as much as dogs.

Woman: That is true. Dogs eat a lot, so they usually are more ____. However, smaller dogs don't eat so much.

Man: Also, cats are ___ to take care of. Dogs are more demanding.

Woman: Usually. Plus you don't have to ___ cats.

Man: I want a dog actually, but I need a ___ place if I get one.

Woman: You would. Your place is ___ small.

4) Drag the boxes onto the matching gaps.

- wasting
- usually
- could
- convenient

- stressful
- but
- expensive
- always

- more
- never

Conversation 4

Man: What do you ___ do for dinner?

Woman: I usually cook at home. I ___ go out.

Man: Really? I never cook. I ___ eat out.

Woman: You should cook ____. It's much healthier and cheaper

Man: Maybe, but eating out is more ___ and it's easier.

Woman: Not always. Plus, it is much more ___ to eat out all the time. Cooking is much cheaper.

Man: Not for me. When I buy groceries, I always end up ___ it. Plus cooking is more ____. It is more relaxing to eat in a restaurant.

Woman: Maybe, ___ cooking is more enjoyable. I ___ never eat out every night.

Corporate Vocabulary

Tailored

Customized.

“The chairs in my office will be special. The company will tailor the chairs for long working hours.”

Old-fashioned

Traditional.

“The desks in my office are old-fashioned. They have lots of drawers, but they are not comfortable.”