

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Friday)

## Comparative

1. Maria is as tall as Juan

2. Maria is taller than Juan.

• We use comparative adjective to show change or make comparisons

## Example:

• This car is certainly better, but it's much more expensive.

• I'm feeling happier now

• We need a bigger garden.



- We use than when we want to compare one thing with another.

Example:

- She is two years older than me.
- New York is much bigger than Boston.
- He is a better player than Ronaldo.
- France is a bigger country than Britain.
- When we want to describe how something or someone changes we can use two comparatives with and.

Example:

- The balloon got bigger and bigger.
- Everything is getting more and more expensive.
- Grandfather is looking older and older.

We need to know how many syllables are in the adjective.

Example: Big (only one syllable)

Expensive (three syllables)

Small (two syllables)



**Remember:** A syllable is a part of a word that contains sounds.

How many sounds can you listen to this word:

Elegant?

a) 1

b) 2

~~c) 3~~

d) 4

• **Adjectives with one syllable**

• **First:** Usually if an adjective has only one syllable, we add "er" to make the comparative form.

**Adjective**

**Comparative**

Clean

Cleaner

Cold

Colder

Old

Older

Tall

Taller

• **Second:** There are some spelling changes. If there is one vowel followed by one consonant at the end of the adjective, we often double the consonant.



## Adjective

Wet  
Hot  
Big

## Comparative

Wetter  
Hotter  
Bigger

**Video:** La canción trata de que lo que nos propongamos lo logremos, aunque hayan obstáculos tenemos que ser fuertes y seguir adelante

• **Third:** If the adjectives end in "y" this often changes to "i"

## Adjective

Dry

## Comparative

Drier

• **Fourth:** If the adjective ends in "e" we don't add another "e" just "r"

## Adjective

Nice  
Large

## Comparative

Nicer  
Larger

• **Fifth:** There are a few adjectives that we have to use "more" even though they only have one syllable.



## Adjective

Real  
Right  
Wrong

## Comparative

more real  
more right  
more wrong

## Adjectives with two syllables:

- For adjectives with two syllables we generally use "more".

## Adjective

Careful  
Bored

## Comparative

more careful  
more bored

- But some two syllable adjectives can take "er". It's also fine to use "more" (for the comparative).

## Adjective

Clever  
Simple  
Narrow

## Comparative

Cleverer  
Simpler  
Narrower

- Adjectives with two syllables that end in "y" usually can add "er" (y generally changes to i). It's also fine to use "more".



### Adjective

Dirty  
Pretty  
Happy  
Ugly

### Comparative

Dirtier  
Prettier  
Happier  
Uglier

### Adjectives with three or more syllables:

Adjectives with three or more syllables can only make their comparative by "using more"

### Adjective

Beautiful  
Intelligent  
Interesting  
Expensive

### Comparative

more beautiful  
more intelligent  
more interesting  
more expensive

### Homework

1. Find 15 examples of comparative and underline the adjectives.

### Solution

- Today is colder than yesterday.
- China is bigger than Italy.
- She is younger than her brother
- He is older than his friend.
- I stayed longer than I expected.

me quede mas tiempo del que esperaba