

Comparatives and Superlatives

If we take two objects, X and Y, we can compare them using the formulae below.
For short adjectives (1 syllable): eg. old, small, big, tall, wide

X is **___ER** than Y

Y is **LESS ___** than X

Y isn't **AS ___ AS** X

X is **MUCH/ FAR ___ER** than Y

X is **twice/3 times/4 times etc AS ___ AS** Y

Y is **half AS ___ AS** X



Examples:

- Rome is **old** but Athens is **older**
- Nowadays, it is often **cheaper** to fly than to travel by train to foreign cities
- The diameter of the Earth is **3 times as big** as that of tiny Pluto
- The Moon is **less than a third as big** as the Earth
- The temperature at the centre of the Sun is **much higher** than at its surface

For -y adjectives: eg. heavy, easy, healthy, noisy

X is **___IER** than Y

Y is **LESS ___** than X

Y is **not AS ___ AS** X

X is **MUCH/ FAR ___IER** than Y

X is **twice/3 times/4 times etc AS ___ AS** Y

Y is **half AS ___ AS** X

Examples:

- Don't send a letter. It is **easier** to send an email
- If you wake up **earlier** in the morning, you can get more things done
- A high fibre diet is **far healthier** for you