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5A comparatives

- 1 My brother's **older than** me. (2 40))
It's **more dangerous** to ride a bike **than** to drive.
- 2 People walk **more quickly than** in the past.
- 3 I'm **less relaxed** this year **than** I was last year.
- 4 The service in this restaurant isn't **as good as** it was.
She doesn't drive **as fast as** her brother.

- To compare two people, places, things, or actions use:
 - 1 comparative adjectives.
 - 2 comparative adverbs (for actions).
 - 3 *less* + adjective or adverb.
 - 4 (*not*) *as* + adjective / adverb + *as*.

comparative adjectives: regular

adjective	comparative	
short	shorter	one syllable: add <i>-er</i>
big	bigger	one vowel + one consonant: double final consonant
busy	busier	consonant + <i>y</i> : <i>y</i> + <i>-ier</i>
relaxed	more relaxed	two or more syllables: <i>more</i> + adjective

comparative adjectives: irregular

adjective	comparative	adjective	comparative
good	better	stressed	more stressed
bad	worse	tired	more tired
far	farther / further	bored	more bored

comparative adverbs: regular

quickly	more quickly
slowly	more slowly

irregular

hard	harder
well	better
badly	worse



Comparatives with pronouns

After comparative + *than* or *as...as*, we use an object pronoun (*me*, *her*, etc.) or a subject pronoun + auxiliary verb, e.g.,

*My brother's taller than **me**. My brother's taller than **I am**.
He's not as intelligent as **her**. He's not as intelligent as **she is**.*