



# Comparatives

Pre-Intermediate

# R E V I S I O N

<b>1 syllable</b>  Slow Nice Big (c-v-c)	<b>Add –ER (or R/consonant +R) + THAN</b>  Slower than Nicer than <u>Bigger</u> than (Double the consonant)
<b>2 syllables (ending in –Y)</b>  Easy	<b>Add –IER + THAN</b>  Easier than
<b>3 or more syllables</b>  Elegant	<b>MORE + ADJECTIVE + THAN</b>  More elegant than
<b>Irregular</b> Good Bad Far Old	Better than Worse than Further than Older/elder than

# Other 2 syllable adjectives

• -ful / -less / -ing / -ed / -ous

Note that two-syllable adjectives with these endings always form their comparatives with more.

My teacher is **helpful**, but my mum is **more** helpful **than** my teacher.

These adjectives  
with 2 syllables:

Polite, common,  
stupid, narrow,  
simple, clever,  
quiet

(both forms are  
possible)

Narrower than

or

More narrow than

A S + A D J E C T I V E + A S

- Negative NOT AS ... AS

She is **as intelligent as** her brother.

She is **not as tall as** her brother.

Remember:

Nothing is added to the adjective: ~~ER~~