

› Le comparatif des adjectifs

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Comparatif de supériorité	Comparatif d'infériorité	Comparatif d'égalité
<i>younger than</i> <i>more attractive</i> <i>better than</i> <i>smarter</i> <i>funnier than</i> <i>bigger than</i>	<i>not as thrilling as</i>	<i>as funny as</i>

3.

Comparatif de supériorité : adjectifs courts (1 syllabe) → adjectif + *-er* + *than*

adjectifs longs (2 syllabes et plus) → *more* + adjectif + *than*

Comparatif d'infériorité : négation + *as* + adjectif + *as*

Comparatif d'égalité : *as* + adjectif + *as*

4.

– *good* • *nice* • *funny* • *big*

– *Better* est un comparatif irrégulier.

– Devant *-er*, le *-y* final précédé d'une consonne se transforme en *-i* : *funnier*.

– Les adjectifs courts contenant une voyelle suivie d'une consonne doublent leur consonne finale : *bigger*.

– La règle orthographique de redoublement des consonnes ne concerne pas les consonnes suivies d'un *-e* muet.

› Practice

1.

a. *James Bond is more attractive and better-looking than Indiana Jones.*

b. *The kids in South Park are lazier and funnier than the Simpsons.*

c. *Cinderella is more romantic and prettier than Ugly Betty.*

d. *Ironman is more energetic and stronger than Spiderman.*

e. *Terminator is more determined and crazier than Mr Bean.*

2.

The black woman is trendier than the old fair-haired woman. She is slimmer / thinner. She is happier too. She is obviously younger and taller than the lady on the left. Her hair is thicker. She looks livelier than the fair-haired lady. She is more outspoken than the old lady.

The old woman is not as fashionable as the black woman. She is fatter. She is not as slim / thin as the young woman. She is older. She is uglier than the black woman. She is sadder too. She is more old-fashioned.

The man on the left is not as young as the man on the right. He is shorter. He is not as tall. He is colder because it's raining. He is quieter than the young man.