

# old/older expensive / more expensive

A



**Older / heavier / more expensive** are *comparative* forms.

The comparative is **-er** (**older**) or **more ...** (**more expensive**).

B

**Older/heavier, etc.**

Short words (1 syllable) → **-er**:

old → **older**

slow → **slower**

cheap → **cheaper**

nice → **nicer**

late → **later**

big → **bigger**

For spelling, see Appendix 5.

big → **bigger**

hot → **hotter**

thin → **thinner**

Words ending in **-y** → **-ier**:

easy → **easier**

heavy → **heavier**

early → **earlier**

- Rome is **old**, but Athens is **older**. (*not* more old)
- Is it **cheaper** to go by car or by train? (*not* more cheap)
- Helen wants a **bigger** car.
- This coat is OK, but I think the other one is **nicer**.
- Don't take the bus. It's **easier** to take a taxi. (*not* more easy)

**Far** → **farther**:

- "How **far** is it to the station? A mile?" "No, it's **farther**. About two miles."

C

**More ...**

Long words (2/3/4 syllables) → **more ...**:

careful → **more careful**

polite → **more polite**

expensive → **more expensive**

interesting → **more interesting**

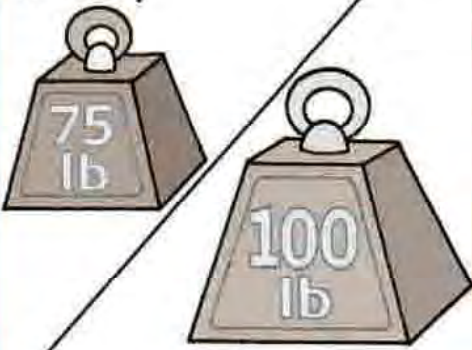
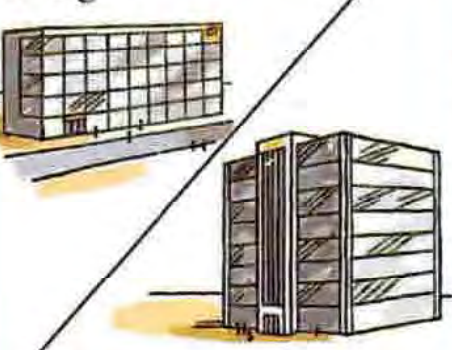
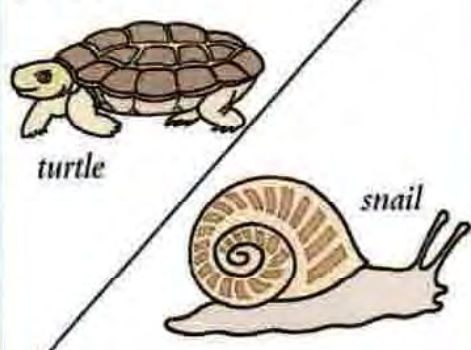

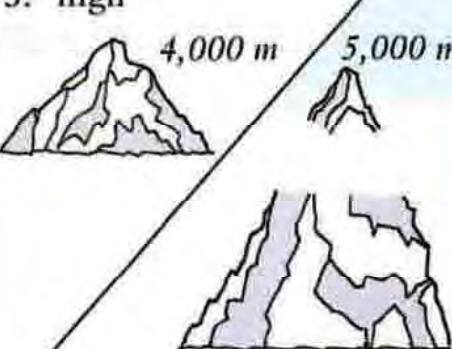

- You should be **more careful**.
- I don't like my job. I want to do something **more interesting**.
- Is it **more expensive** to go by car or by train?

D

**Good/well** → **better**    **bad** → **worse**

- The weather wasn't very **good** yesterday, but it's **better** today.
- "Do you feel **better** today?" "No, I feel **worse**."
- Which is **worse** – a headache or a toothache?

## 88.1 Look at the pictures and write the comparative (older / more interesting, etc.).

<p>1. heavy</p>  <p><i>heavier</i></p>	<p>2. big</p> 	<p>3. slow</p>  <p>turtle snail</p>
<p>4. expensive</p> 	<p>5. high</p> 	<p>6. dangerous</p> 

## 88.2 Write the comparative.

- |              |              |             |       |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| 1. old       | <i>older</i> | 6. good     | _____ |
| 2. strong    | _____        | 7. large    | _____ |
| 3. happy     | _____        | 8. serious  | _____ |
| 4. modern    | _____        | 9. pretty   | _____ |
| 5. important | _____        | 10. crowded | _____ |

## 88.3 Write the opposite.

- |            |              |           |       |
|------------|--------------|-----------|-------|
| 1. younger | <i>older</i> | 4. better | _____ |
| 2. colder  | _____        | 5. nearer | _____ |
| 3. cheaper | _____        | 6. easier | _____ |

## 88.4 Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- Helen's car isn't very big. She wants a *bigger* one.
- My job isn't very interesting. I want to do something *more interesting*.
- You're not very tall. Your brother is \_\_\_\_\_.
- David doesn't work very hard. I work \_\_\_\_\_.
- My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your idea isn't very good. My idea is \_\_\_\_\_.
- These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are \_\_\_\_\_.
- My suitcase isn't very heavy. Your suitcase is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I'm not very interested in art. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ in history.
- It isn't very warm today. It was \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peru isn't very big. Brazil is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Los Angeles isn't very beautiful. San Francisco is \_\_\_\_\_.
- This knife isn't very sharp. Do you have a \_\_\_\_\_ one?
- People today aren't very polite. In the past they were \_\_\_\_\_.
- The weather isn't too bad today. Often it is much \_\_\_\_\_.