

older than . . . more expensive than . . .

A



She's taller than him.

Hotel Prices <i>[per room per night]</i>	
Capitol Hotel	\$350
Grand Hotel	\$130
Western Hotel	\$175

The Capitol Hotel is **more expensive than** the Grand Hotel.

We use **than** after comparatives (**older than . . . / more expensive than . . .**, etc.):

- Athens is **older than** Rome.
- Are oranges **more expensive than** bananas?
- It's easier to take a taxi **than** to take the bus.
- "How are you today?" "Not bad. **Better than** yesterday."
- The restaurant is **more crowded than** usual.

B

We usually say: than **me** / than **him** / than **her** / than **us** / than **them**.

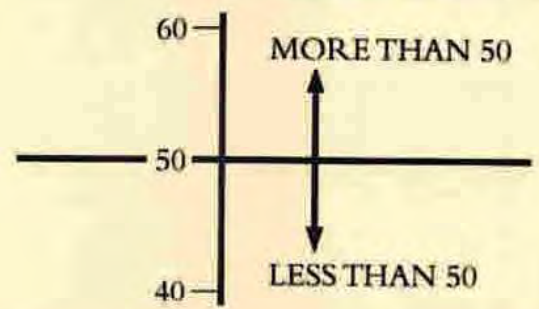
You can say:

- I can run faster **than him**. or I can run faster **than he can**.
- You are a better singer **than me**. or You are a better singer **than I am**.
- I got up earlier **than her**. or I got up earlier **than she did**.

C

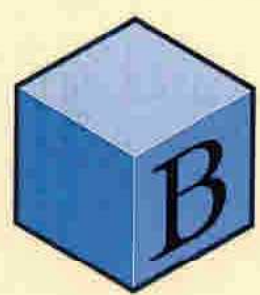
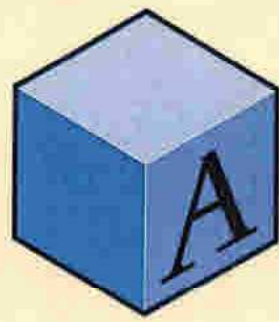
**More / less than . . .**

- A: How much did your shoes cost? Fifty dollars?  
B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** \$50)
- The movie was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They've got **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.

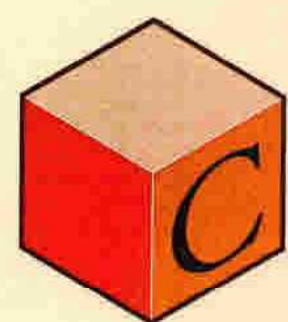


D

**A little older / much older, etc.**



Box A is a **little bigger** than Box B.



Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

<b>a little much</b>	bigger	than . . .
	older	
	better	
	more difficult	
	more expensive	

- Canada is **much bigger** than France.
- Sue is a **little older** than Gary – she's 25 and he's 24.
- The hotel was **much more expensive than** I expected.
- You go out **much more** than me.

## 89.1 Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use *than*.



Liz

1. I'm 26.
2. I'm not a very good swimmer.
3. I'm 5 feet 10 inches tall.
4. I start work at 8:00.
5. I don't work very hard.
6. I don't have much money.
7. I'm a very good driver.
8. I'm not very patient.
9. I'm not a very good dancer.
10. I'm very intelligent.
11. I speak Spanish very well.
12. I don't go to the movies very much.



Ben

1. I'm 24.
2. I'm a very good swimmer.
3. I'm 5 feet 8 inches tall.
4. I start work at 8:30.
5. I work very hard.
6. I have a lot of money.
7. I'm not a very good driver.
8. I'm very patient.
9. I'm a good dancer.
10. I'm not very intelligent.
11. I don't speak Spanish very well.
12. I go to the movies a lot.

1. Liz is older than Ben.
2. Ben is a better swimmer than Liz.
3. Liz is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Liz starts \_\_\_\_\_ Ben.
5. Ben \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ben has \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Liz is a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Ben \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Ben \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Liz \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Liz \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Ben \_\_\_\_\_.

## 89.2 Complete the sentences. Use *than*.

1. He isn't very tall. You're taller than him OR taller than he is.
2. She isn't very old. You're \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I don't work very hard. You work \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He doesn't watch TV very much. You \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I'm not a very good cook. You \_\_\_\_\_.
6. We don't know many people. You \_\_\_\_\_.
7. They don't have much money. You \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I can't run very fast. You can \_\_\_\_\_.
9. She hasn't been here very long. You \_\_\_\_\_.
10. They didn't get up very early. You \_\_\_\_\_.
11. He wasn't very surprised. You \_\_\_\_\_.

## 89.3 Complete the sentences with *a little* or *much* + comparative (*older/better, etc.*).

1. Emma is 18 months old. Gary is 16 months old.  
Emma is a little older than Gary.
2. Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.  
Jack's mother \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My camera cost \$100. Yours cost \$96.  
My camera \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.  
I feel \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Today the temperature is 12 degrees Celsius. Yesterday it was 10 degrees Celsius.  
It's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sarah is an excellent volleyball player. I'm not very good.  
Sarah \_\_\_\_\_.