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What subject is more difficult for you? What place is bigger, Mexico D.F or Guanajuato?



Find out different ways in which you can make comparisons. This is an A1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf page 24).

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Comparatives

Figure 1



We use comparatives when we compare two **people**, **places** or **things**.



When you want to say that one thing, person or place is more than the other, you have to use the following rules.

If the adjective has less than 3 syllables, add “er” and the word **than**.

Examples:

- Raul is taller**er than** Jesus
- Queretaro is cleaner**er than** Mexico D.F.

If the adjective has more than 3 syllables, add “**more**” before the adjective and the word “**than**” after the adjective.

Example:

- Your car is **more** expensive **than** my car.



If the word ends in **consonant + vowel + consonant**, double the last consonant and add **[er + than]**

Examples:

hot = Hot**ter** than

big = big**ger** than

Slim = Slim**mer** than

** w,x,y,z do NOT follow the **consonant + vowel + consonant** rule.

Examples: Monterrey is **bigger than** Hidalgo

My bag is **newer than** yours



If the two-syllable adjectives ends with “y”, change the *y* to *i* and add **er** for the comparative form.

Example:

- Happy = happier
- Lazy = lazier
- Crazy = crazier
- Busy = Busier

Example:

Paty is busier than me.

My dog is lazier than my cat.



IRREGULAR COMPARATIVES

These adjectives have completely irregular comparative forms:

Adjective	Comparative
good	better
bad	worse
little	less
much	more
far	further / farther

Real Madrid is better than Barcelona



To say that something is “less” than something else, you can use the following patterns:

1.- “not as” + ADJECTIVE + “as”

For example:

- Kevin is **not as** strong **as** David
- Horses are **not as** fast **as** eagles.

2.- “less” + ADJECTIVE + “than”

For example:

- My watch is **less** strong **than** David*
- Horses are **less** fast **than** eagles.*



To say that two things are the same, you can use the following pattern:

“as” + ADJECTIVE + “as”

- Paris is **as** beautiful **as** London*
- New York is **as** expensive **as** Chicago*
- Peter is **as** smart **as** Lucy*



When you want to make comparisons you can say:

- Cancun is **more** expensive **than** Acapulco.
- I am shorter **than** my sister.
- My cat is **not as** lazy **as** my dog.
- USA is **as** interesting **as** Europe.
- My Spanish is **better than** my English.



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