

older than ... more expensive than ...

A



She's **taller than** him.

Hotel Prices (per room per night)	
Europa Hotel	£150
Grand Hotel	£130
Royal Hotel	£120
Hotel	£115

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

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.**

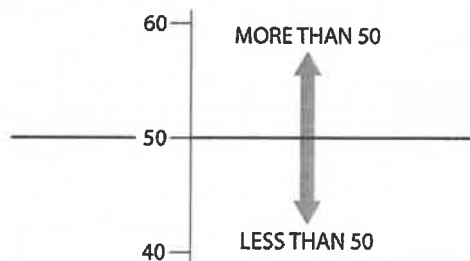
You can say:

- 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? £60?
- B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £60)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They have **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.



D

a bit older / much older etc.



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

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

a bit much	bigger	than ...
	older	
	better	
	more difficult	
	more expensive	

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

1 Write sentences about Kate and Ben. Use than.



- 1 I'm 26.
- 2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 68 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8 o'clock.
- 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 French very well.
- 12 I don't go to the cinema very much.



- 1 I'm 24.
- 2 I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 63 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 French very well.
- 12 I go to the cinema a lot.

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|--|-------------------|
| 1 Kate <u>is older than Ben</u> | 7 Kate is a |
| 2 Ben <u>is a better swimmer than Kate</u> | 8 Ben |
| 3 Kate is | 9 Ben |
| 4 Kate starts Ben. | 10 Kate |
| 5 Ben | 11 Kate |
| 6 Ben has | 12 Ben |

88.2 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

88.3 Complete the sentences with a bit or much + comparative (older/better etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Joe is 24 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Emma is a bit older than Joe
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.
Jack's mother
- 3 My camera cost £120. Yours cost £112.
My camera
- 4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.
I feel
- 5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 10 degrees.
It's
- 6 Sarah is an excellent tennis player. I'm not a very good player.
Sarah

Key to Exercises

82.3

- Both of them are students.
- Neither of them has a car. / ... has got a car.
- Both of them live in London.
- Both of them like cooking.
- Neither of them can play the piano.
- Both of them eat seafood.
- Neither of them is interested in sport.

UNIT 83

83.1

- | | |
|--------|-------------|
| 2 many | 8 many |
| 3 much | 9 How many |
| 4 many | 10 How much |
| 5 many | 11 How much |
| 6 much | 12 How many |
| 7 much | |

83.2

- much time
- many countries
- many people
- much luggage
- many times

83.3

- a lot of interesting things
- a lot of accidents
- a lot of fun
- a lot of traffic

83.4

- a lot of snow
- OK
- a lot of money
- OK
- OK
- a lot

83.5

- She plays tennis a lot.
- He doesn't use his car much. (or ... a lot.)
- He doesn't go out much. (or ... a lot.)
- She travels a lot.

UNIT 84

84.1

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 2 a few | 5 a little |
| 3 a little | 6 a few |
| 4 a few | |

84.2

- a little milk
- A few days

- a little Russian
- a few friends
- a few times
- a few chairs
- a little fresh air

84.3

- very little coffee
- very little rain
- very few hotels
- very little time
- Very few people
- very little work

84.4

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 2 A few | 5 few |
| 3 a little | 6 a little |
| 4 little | 7 little |

84.5

- ... a little luck
- ... a few things
- OK
- ... a few questions
- ... few people
- OK

UNIT 85

85.1

- I like that green jacket.
- Do you like classical music?
- I had a wonderful holiday.
- We went to a Japanese restaurant.

85.2

- black clouds
- long holiday
- hot water
- fresh air
- sharp knife
- dangerous job

85.3

- It looks new.
- I feel ill.
- You look surprised.
- They smell nice.
- It tastes horrible.

85.4

- It doesn't look new.
- You don't sound American.
- I don't feel cold.
- They don't look heavy.
- Maybe, but it doesn't taste good.

UNIT 86

86.1

- badly
- quietly
- angrily
- fast
- dangerously

86.2

- work hard
- sleep well
- win easily
- Think carefully
- know her very well
- explain things very clearly/well
- Come quickly

86.3

- angry
- slowly
- slow
- careful
- hard
- suddenly
- quiet
- badly
- nice (See Unit 85C.)
- quickly

86.4

- well
- good
- well
- well
- good ... good

UNIT 87

87.1

- bigger
- slower
- more expensive
- higher
- more dangerous

87.2

- stronger
- happier
- more modern
- more important
- better
- larger
- more serious
- prettier
- more crowded

87.3

- hotter/warmer
- more expensive

- 4 worse
- 5 further
- 6 more difficult or harder

87.4

- 3 taller
- 4 harder
- 5 more comfortable
- 6 better
- 7 nicer
- 8 heavier
- 9 more interested
- 10 warmer
- 11 better
- 12 bigger
- 13 more beautiful
- 14 sharper
- 15 more polite
- 16 worse

UNIT 88**88.1**

- 3 Kate is taller than Ben.
- 4 Kate starts work earlier than Ben.
- 5 Ben works harder than Kate.
- 6 Ben has more money than Kate. / Ben has got more money ...
- 7 Kate is a better driver than Ben.
- 8 Ben is more patient than Kate.
- 9 Ben is a better dancer than Kate. / Ben dances better than Kate.
- 10 Kate is more intelligent than Ben.
- 11 Kate speaks French better than Ben. / Kate speaks better French than Ben. / Kate's French is better than Ben's.
- 12 Ben goes to the cinema more than Kate. / ... more often than Kate.

88.2

- 2 You're older than her. / ... than she is.
- 3 You work harder than me. / ... than I do.
- 4 You watch TV more than him. / ... than he does.
- 5 You're a better cook than me. / ... than I am. or You cook better than me. / ... than I do.
- 6 You know more people than us. / ... than we do.

- 7 You have more money than them. / ... than they have.
- 8 You can run faster than me. / ... than I can.
- 9 You've been here longer than her. / ... than she has.
- 10 You got up earlier than them. / ... than they did.
- 11 You were more surprised than him. / ... than he was.

88.3

- 2 Jack's mother is much younger than his father.
- 3 My camera cost a bit more than yours. / ... than your camera. or My camera was a bit more expensive than ...
- 4 I feel much better today than yesterday. / ... than I did yesterday. / ... than I felt yesterday.
- 5 It's a bit warmer today than yesterday. / ... than it was yesterday.
- 6 Sarah is a much better tennis player than me. / ... than I am. or Sarah is much better at tennis than me. / ... than I am. or Sarah plays tennis much better than me. / ... than I do.

UNIT 89**89.1**

- 2 A is longer than B, but not as long as C.
- 3 C is heavier than A, but not as heavy as B.
- 4 A is older than C, but not as old as B.
- 5 B has got more money than C, but not as much as A. or ... but less (money) than A.
- 6 C works harder than A, but not as hard as B.

89.2

- 2 Your room isn't as big as mine. / ... as my room.
- 3 I didn't get up as early as you. / ... as you did.
- 4 They didn't play as well as us. / ... as we did.
- 5 You haven't been here as long as me. / ... as I have.
- 6 He isn't as nervous as her. / ... as she is.

89.3

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 2 as | 6 than |
| 3 than | 7 as |
| 4 than | 8 than |
| 5 as | |

89.4

- 2 Julia lives in the same street as Laura.
- 3 Julia got up at the same time as Andy.
- 4 Andy's car is the same colour as Laura's.

UNIT 90**90.1**

- 2 C is longer than A.
D is the longest.
B is the shortest.
- 3 D is younger than C.
B is the youngest.
C is the oldest.
- 4 D is more expensive than A.
C is the most expensive.
A is the cheapest.
- 5 A is better than C.
A is the best.
D is the worst.

90.2

- 2 the happiest day
- 3 the best film
- 4 the most popular singer
- 5 the worst mistake
- 6 the prettiest village
- 7 the coldest day
- 8 the most boring person

90.3

- 2 Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
- 3-6
Brazil is the largest country in South America.
Alaska is the largest state in the USA.
The Nile is the longest river in Africa. / ... in the world.
Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.

UNIT 91**91.1**

- 2 enough chairs
- 3 enough paint
- 4 enough wind