



Comparatives



# Comparative Adjectives

- We use **more** + adjective + **than** or adjective + **-er** + **than** to compare things or people.
- \_My car is **more expensive than** your car.\_
- \_I am **older than** my brother.\_
- In this chart, you can see when we need to use **more ... than** or **-er than** and the changes in spelling.



# Two Things

- We use the comparative form of an adjective to compare two things.
- \_Luke is **taller than** Mathew.\_
- \_This armchair is **more comfortable than** the sofa.\_



# Less ... than

- When we compare two things, we can also use the form **less** + adjective + **than** (less ≠ more).
- \_Peter is **less popular than** Marta.\_ (= Marta is more popular than Peter.)



# Than me

- If we use a personal pronoun after **than**, we need an object pronoun (**me, you, him, etc.**).
- \_My sister is taller than **me**.\_
- \_His sister is more intelligent **than him**.\_



# Much/a bit + more

- Before the comparative (**more** or **-er**), we can use **much** (=big difference) or **a bit** (=small difference).
- \_He's **a bit taller** than me.\_
- \_Switzerland is **much more expensive** than Italy.\_



# Common mistakes!

- We use **more** or **-er**, but we cannot use **more + -er**.
  - \_My brother is **more** taller than me. \_
  - \_My brother is taller than me. \_



# Common Mistakes

- After a comparative adjective, we use **than** and NOT ~~**that**~~.
  - \_My brother is taller **that** me. \_
  - \_My brother is taller **than** me. \_



# Common Mistakes

- We use **than** + the second element of the comparison. When we don't mention the second element of the comparison, we do NOT use **than**.
  - \_I am tall, but my brother is **taller than**. \_
  - \_I am tall, but my brother is **taller**. \_