

# older/more expensive (than)

**1**

old      older  
heavy      heavier  
expensive      more expensive

Older / heavier / more expensive are comparative forms.  
The comparative is **-er (older)** or **more ... (more expensive)**.

**A. -er (older, heavier)**  
short words (1 syllable):  
ex: old → older  
slow → slower  
**! big → bigger**  
hot → hotter  
**! words with -y → ier**  
easy → easier  
heavy → heavier  
early → earlier

**2**

She's taller than him.  
The Europa Hotel is more expensive than the ...

Hotel Prices (per person, per night)	£90
Europa Hotel	£85.50
Grand Hotel	£83
Royal Hotel	£70
tel.	

**B. more (more expensive)**  
long words (2,3,4 syllables):  
**more + adj.**  
Ex: careful → more careful.  
polite → more polite  
interesting → more interesting

**3**

Box A is a bit bigger than Box B.  
Box C is much bigger than Box B.

**C. than**  
We use **than** with a comparative to express superiority.  
Ex: older than  
more expensive than

**D. a bit/ much**  
We can also use a bit and much with a comparative to be more exact.

# (not) as ... as

She's old but she's not as old as he is.  
Box A isn't as big as Box B.

**A. as...as**  
We use as + adj + as to express equality.  
Ex: I'm as old as my friend.  
I'm as hardworking as her.

**B. Not as...as**  
We use not as. + adj + as to express inferiority.  
Ex: I'm not as old as my friend = I'm younger than her.  
I'm not as hardworking as my friend = I'm lazier than her.

# Comparisons, exercises

**1** Look at the pictures and write the comparative (older / more interesting etc.).

1  heavy      heavier.....	2  big .....	3  slow .....
4  expensive .....	5  high .....	6  dangerous .....

**2** Look at the pictures and write sentences about A, B and C.

1  A      B      C	2  A      B      C	3  A      B      C
4  A      B      C	5  A      B      C	6  A      B      C

1. A is bigger than C but not as big as B.
2. B is \_\_\_\_\_ B but not \_\_\_\_\_ C.
3. C is \_\_\_\_\_ A but \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. B has got \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 C works \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** Put in as or than :

1. Athens is older \_\_\_\_\_ Rome.
2. You eat more \_\_\_\_\_ me.
3. I feel better \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
4. Jim isn't as clever \_\_\_\_\_ he thinks.
5. I can't wait longer \_\_\_\_\_ an hour.
6. Brazil isn't as big \_\_\_\_\_ Canada.

**4** Complete the sentences with a bit or much + a comparative:

1. Jill is 25, Gary is 24 and a half. → Jill is a bit older than Gary.
2. My camera costs 100 € Yours costs 96€
3. Ann is an excellent tennis player. I'm not good.
4. Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 6.