Comparative Adjectives

An adjective is a word or phrase that is used to describe a noun or pronoun.

A comparative adjective is used to make a comparison between two things. This comparison may show equality or inequality between the two things.

**Equal Comparisons:**

• To show an equal comparison, you need to use an adjective between the subordinating conjunctions “as”.

• To show an equal comparison, use the form: as [adjective] as

**Example:** Julia is as tall as the bookshelf.
**Example:** The water is as cold as ice.

**Directions:** Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. The light shines as _________ as the sun.
2. The runner moves as _________ as the wind.
3. The apple is as _________ as a fire truck.
4. The giraffe is as _________ as the tree.
5. That clock is as _________ as my grandfather.
6. His voice was as _________ as thunder.
7. The truck was as _________ as a house.
8. Your book bag is _________ as a rock.

**Directions:** Write two of you own sentences which show an equal comparison.

1) ____________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________

**Unequal Comparisons:**

• To show an unequal comparison, you need to use an adjective followed by the subordinating conjunction “than”. You may have to double the final consonant letter for some comparative adjectives.

• To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with one syllable, you must add “er” to the ending.

[adjective + “er”] than

**Example:** Yuri is smarter than Joe.

**Directions:** Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. Dennis is _________ (old) than Kiki.
2. I am _________ (tall) than the bookshelf.
3. My dog is ___________ (fast) than my cat.
4. The soup is ___________ (hot) than the milk.
5. The rock is ___________ (hard) than the banana.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with one syllable.

1) __________________________________________________________
2) __________________________________________________________

• To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that ends in “y”, you must omit the “y” and add “ier” to the ending.

Example: The plane is heavier than the bird.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. Yuki was at school ____________ (early) than I was.
2. Rice is ___________ (sticky) than salad.
3. This exercise is __________ (tricky) than the last one.
4. My little brother is __________ (silly) than I am.
5. This picture is ___________ (pretty) than the other one.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that ends in “y”.

1) __________________________________________________________
2) __________________________________________________________

• To show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that does not end in “y”, the ending of the adjective remains unchanged and you must use “more” or “less” before the adjective.

Example: The butterfly is more beautiful than the spider.

Directions: Fill in the spaces with the appropriate comparative adjective.

1. Her motorcycle is _______ ___________ (dangerous) than my car.
2. Gold is _______ ___________ (expensive) than silver.
3. Butterflies are _______ ___________ (beautiful) than snakes.
4. The grey jacket is _______ ___________ (colorful) than the pink one.
5. I am _______ ___________ (tired) now than I was this morning.

Directions: Write two of your own sentences which show an unequal comparison using an adjective with more than one syllable that does not end in “y”.

1) __________________________________________________________
2) __________________________________________________________