

older than ... more expensive than ...

A



Hotel Prices (per room per night)	
Europa Hotel	£140
Grand Hotel	£130
Royal Hotel	£125
tel	£110

She's **taller than** him.

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**.

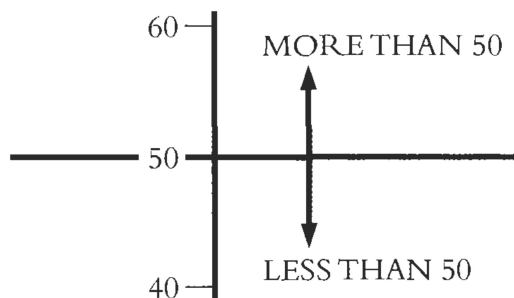
You can say:

- 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

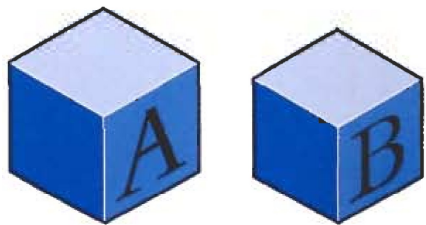
**more/less than ...**

- A: How much did your shoes cost? £50?  
B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £50)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They've got **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.

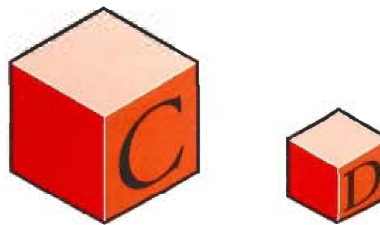


D

**a bit older / much older** etc.



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



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

<b>a bit much</b>	bigger	than ...
	older	
	better	
	more difficult	
	more expensive	

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

## 88.1 Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use than.



Liz

- 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 haven't got 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.

Ben



- 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've got 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.

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1 Liz <i>is older than Ben</i> .....            | 7 Liz is a ..... |
| 2 Ben <i>is a better swimmer than Liz</i> ..... | 8 Ben .....      |
| 3 Liz is .....                                  | 9 Ben .....      |
| 4 Liz starts ..... Ben.                         | 10 Liz .....     |
| 5 Ben .....                                     | 11 Liz .....     |
| 6 Ben has got .....                             | 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 haven't got 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 .....

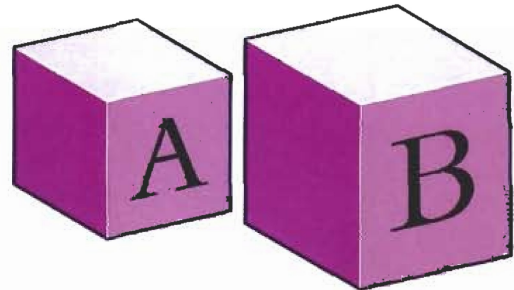
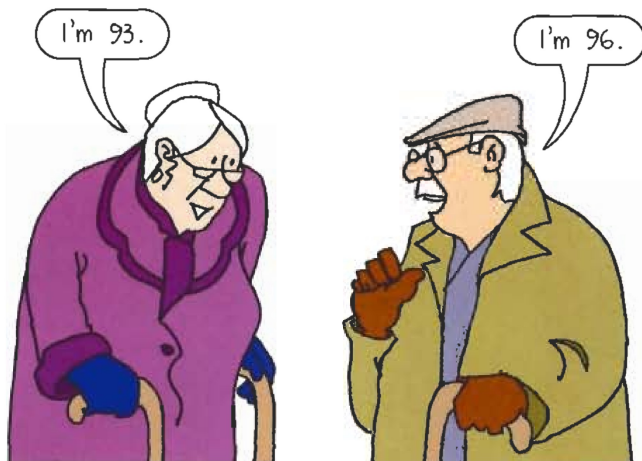
## 88.3 Complete the sentences with a bit or much + comparative (older/better etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Gary is  $24\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Emma *is a bit older than Gary* .....
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.  
Jack's mother .....
- 3 My camera cost £100. Yours cost £96.  
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 very good.  
Sarah .....

# not as ... as

A

not as ... as



She's old, but she's **not as old as** he is.

Box A **isn't as big as** Box B.

- Rome is **not as old as** Athens. (= Athens is **older**)
- The Grand Hotel **isn't as expensive as** the Europa. (= the Europa is **more expensive**)
- I **don't** play tennis **as often as** you. (= you play **more often**)
- The weather is better than it was yesterday. It **isn't as cold**. (= as cold as it was **yesterday**)

B

not as much as ... / not as many as ...

- I haven't got **as much money as** you. (= you've got **more money**)
- I don't know **as many people as** you. (= you know **more people**)
- I don't go out **as much as** you. (= you go out **more**)

C

Compare **not as ... as** and **than**:

- Rome is **not as old as** Athens.  
Athens is **older than** Rome. (*not older as* Rome)
- Tennis **isn't as popular as** football.  
Football is **more popular than** tennis.
- I **don't** go out **as much as** you.  
You go out **more than** me.

D

We usually say: as **me** / as **him** / as **her** etc.

You can say:

- She's not as old **as him**. or She's not as old **as he is**.
- You don't work as hard **as me**. or You don't work as hard **as I do**.

E

We say **the same as ...** :

- The weather today is **the same as** yesterday.
- My hair is **the same colour as** yours.
- I arrived at **the same time as** Tim.

## 89.1 Look at the pictures and write sentences about A, B and C.

<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

- A is bigger than C, but not as big as B.
- A is ..... B, but not ..... C.
- C is ..... A, but .....
- A is ....., but .....
- B has got .....
- C works .....

## 89.2 Write sentences with as ... as ... .

- Athens is older than Rome. Rome isn't as old as Athens.
- My room is bigger than yours. Your room isn't .....
- You got up earlier than me. I didn't .....
- We played better than them. They .....
- I've been here longer than you. You .....
- She's more nervous than him. He .....

## 89.3 Write as or than.

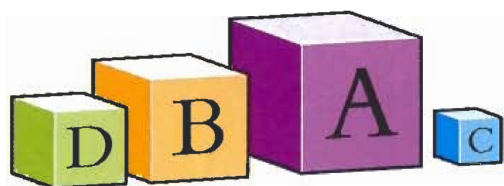
- Athens is older than Rome.
- I don't watch TV as much ..... you.
- You eat more ..... me.
- I'm more tired today ..... I was yesterday.
- Joe isn't as intelligent ..... he thinks.
- Belgium is smaller ..... Switzerland.
- Brazil isn't as big ..... Canada.
- I can't wait longer ..... an hour.

## 89.4 Complete the sentences about Julia, Andy and Laura. Use the same age / the same street etc.

<b>Julia</b>	<b>Andy</b>	<b>Laura</b>

- (age) Andy is the same age as Laura.
- (street) Julia lives .....
- (time) Julia got up .....
- (colour) Andy's .....

A



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

Box A is **bigger than** all the other boxes.

Box A is **the biggest** box.

**HOTEL PRICES IN KINTON**

(Per room per night)

Europa Hotel	£140	Grosvenor	£100
Grand Hotel	£125	Bennets	£90
Royal	£120	Carlton	£85
Astoria	£115	Star	£75
Palace	£110	Station	£75

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

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** all the other hotels in the city.

The Europa Hotel is **the most expensive** hotel in the city.

**Bigger / older / more expensive** etc. are *comparative* forms (→ Unit 87).

**Biggest / oldest / most expensive** etc. are *superlative* forms.

B

The superlative form is **-est (oldest)** or **most ... (most expensive)**.

Short words (**old/cheap/nice** etc.) → **the -est**:

old → **the oldest**      cheap → **the cheapest**      nice → **the nicest**

*but* good → **the best**      bad → **the worst**

Spelling (→ Appendix 5): big → **the biggest**      hot → **the hottest**

Words ending in **-y (easy/heavy** etc.) → **the -iest**:

easy → **the easiest**      heavy → **the heaviest**      pretty → **the prettiest**

Long words (**careful/expensive/interesting** etc.) → **the most ...** :

careful → **the most careful**      interesting → **the most interesting**

C

We say **the oldest ... / the most expensive ...** etc. (with **the**):

- The church is very old. It's **the oldest** building in the town.  
(= it is **older than** all the other buildings)
- What is **the longest** river in the world?
- Money is important, but it isn't **the most important** thing in life.
- Excuse me, where is **the nearest** bank?

D

You can use **the oldest / the best / the most expensive** etc. without a noun:

- Ken is a good player, but he isn't **the best** in the team.  
(**the best** = the best player)

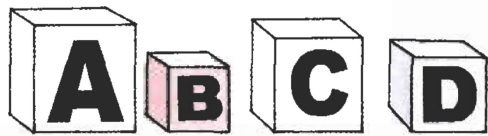
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You can use *superlative* + **I've ever ... / you've ever ...** etc. :

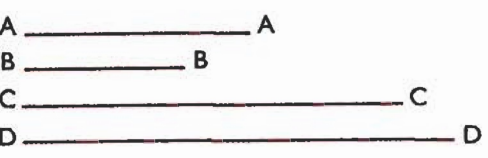
- The film was very bad. I think it's **the worst** film **I've ever seen**.
- What is **the most unusual** thing **you've ever done**?

## 90.1 Write sentences with comparatives (older etc.) and superlatives (the oldest etc.).

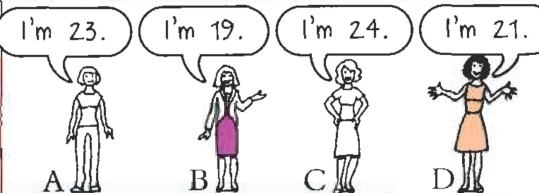
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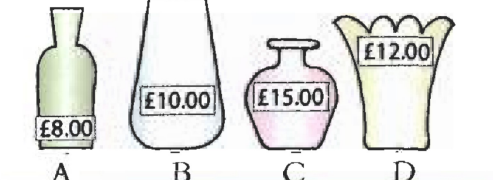
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4



5

RESTAURANT A	<i>excellent</i>
RESTAURANT B	<i>not bad</i>
RESTAURANT C	<i>good but not wonderful</i>
RESTAURANT D	<i>awful</i>

big/small

(A/D) *A is bigger than D.*

(A) *A is the biggest.*

(B) *B is the smallest.*

long/short

(C/A) C is ..... A.

(D) D is .....

(B) B .....

young/old

(D/C) D .....

(B) .....

(C) .....

expensive/cheap

(D/A) .....

(C) .....

(A) .....

good/bad

(A/C) .....

(A) .....

(D) .....

## 90.2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (the oldest etc.).

- This building is very old. It's *the oldest building* in the town.
- It was a very happy day. It was ..... of my life.
- It's a very good film. It's ..... I've ever seen.
- She's a very popular singer. She's ..... in the country.
- It was a very bad mistake. It was ..... I've ever made.
- It's a very pretty village. It's ..... I've ever seen.
- It was a very cold day. It was ..... of the year.
- He's a very boring person. He's ..... I've ever met.

## 90.3 Write sentences with a superlative (the longest etc.). Choose from the boxes.

Sydney	Alaska
Everest	the Nile
Brazil	Jupiter

high
large
long

country	river
city	state
mountain	planet

Africa	South America
<del>Australia</del>	the world
the USA	the solar system

1 *Sydney is the largest city in Australia.*

2 Everest .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....