Unit 10a: Comparative adjectives

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More ... than

✓ My father is taller than my mother.

✓ Arequipa is bigger than Trujillo.

✓ You are friendlier than your sister.

✓ Perú is more interesting than France.

✓ A museum is better than an art room.
We cannot use comparatives if the contrast is too notorious.

- Is your brother taller than you?
  No, I am tall and he is short.

- My apartment has only one bedroom, a bathroom and a living room, but yours has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms a living room and a dining room. It is big but mine is small.

- Maria is 3 years younger than her sister Ana, they are 13 and 16; but their sister Julia is old, she is 46.
Rules

One syllable adjectives (add –er)

Tall  taller
Short  shorter
Small  smaller

Your dog is smaller than my dog,

Is José taller than María? Sure, she is 7 cms. Shorter than he is.

Adjectives ending in the letter e (add –r)

Nice  nicer

Trujillo is nicer than Arequipa.

Adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant (double the consonant + -er)

Big  bigger

This box is bigger than that one only for 15 centimeters.
ADJECTIVES ENDING IN Y (supress Y and ad – ier)

FRIENDLY  FRIENDLIER
CRAZY  CRAZIER
FUNNY  FUNNIER

Alisa is friendlier than her brother just at times.

Is your dog funnier than mine?

   I guess so, my dog does some more funny things.

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

GOOD  BETTER
BAD  WORSE
FAR  FARTHER / FURTHER

My math teacher this year is better than the one last year because he tells more stories so that we can learn.

Do you need further information to get there?

   Sure, I’d appreciate it
Then we use more + adjective.

BEAUTIFUL    MORE BEAUTIFUL
INTERESTING  MORE INTERESTING
FANTASTIC    MORE FANTASTIC

✓ Life in the jungle is more interesting than life in the highlands.
✓ Who is more beautiful, your sister or your cousin?
   Well, my sister is more beautiful just for her eyes.

✓ This city isn’t more attractive than my native city because there is only one park.
Remember

We use THAN when the two nouns are mentioned in the sentence.

Your profession is more difficult than mine.
Maria is shorter than Silvia.
I’m not better than my brother at math.

But it can be omitted at times.

Who is taller, your father or you?
I think I am taller, but just for 2 or 3 fingers.
Thank you