

Comparative Adjectives

A. Look at the advertisements and read the sentences. Write the base form for the comparative adjective after each sentence.

Viza 26" LCD TV
500 cd/m2 brightness
excellent clear picture
\$499.99

Polara 19" LCD TV
300 cd/m2 brightness
\$299.99

Diaz, et al. (2010), p. 117

Base Form

1. The Viza is **brighter** than the Polara. 1. *bright*
2. The Viza is **clearer** than the Polara. 2. _____
3. The Viza is **fancier** than the Polara. 3. _____
4. The Viza is **larger** than the Polara. 4. _____
5. The Viza is **more modern** than the Polara. 5. _____
6. The Viza is **more expensive** than the Polara. 6. _____

Dirt Angel
good performance
2-year warranty
15 lbs.
\$59.99

Haber
powerful performance
5-year warranty
25 lbs.
\$99.99

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Base Form

1. The Dirt Angel is **cheaper** than the Haber. 1. _____
2. The Dirt Angel is **smaller** than the Haber. 2. _____
3. The Haber warranty is **longer** than the Dirt Angel warranty. 3. _____
4. The Haber is **heavier** than the Dirt Angel. 4. _____
5. The Haber is **more useful** than the Dirt Angel. 5. _____
6. The Haber is **more powerful** than the Dirt Angel. 6. _____

B. Put each base form adjective into the correct column, then write the comparative form next to it.

1-syllable base	2-syllable base	3-syllable base
<i>bright</i> → <i>brighter</i>		

C. Use the information in your chart to guess which three comparative forms are correct and which three are incorrect. Put an 'X' next to the incorrect forms.

- ___ 1. The Pacific cell phone plan is cheaper than the Ex-tel plan.
- ___ 2. The Pacific plan is more convenient than the Ex-tel plan.
- ___ 3. Ex-tel cell phones are moderner than Pacific phones.
- ___ 4. Pacific customers are more happy than Ex-tel customers.
- ___ 5. Pacific cell phone reception is clearer than Ex-tel reception.
- ___ 6. Pacific customer service is efficienter than Ex-tel customer service.

D. Complete the rules for making and using comparative adjectives:

- 1. For one-syllable adjectives like *clear*, add the ending _____ to the word.
If the one-syllable word ends in 'e' like *large*, add the ending _____ to the word.
- 2. For two-syllable adjectives that end in 'y' like *happy*, change the ending to _____.
- 3. For other adjectives with two or more syllables like *convenient*, add the word _____ before the adjective.
- 4. Use the word _____ after the adjective when comparing two things.