

Comparative Adjectives

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

SALE! NewTech 27-inch LED TV

Amazing clear picture!

- 700 cd/m2 brightness
- 1080p HD resolution

Now \$399.99



Compass 24-inch LED TV

- Excellent sound
- 200 cd/m2 brightness
- 740p resolution

Only \$199.99



Base Form

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| 1. The NewTech is brighter than the Compass. | 1. <i>bright</i> |
| 2. The NewTech is clearer than the Compass. | 2. <i>clear</i> |
| 3. The NewTech is fancier than the Compass. | 3. <i>fancy</i> |
| 4. The NewTech is larger than the Compass. | 4. <i>large</i> |
| 5. The NewTech is more modern than the Compass. | 5. <i>modern</i> |
| 6. The NewTech is more expensive than the Compass. | 6. <i>expensive</i> |

Perco 500-watt Microwave



- 3 power settings
- Good for small spaces!
- .6 cubic foot size
- Weight: 18 pounds
- 2-year warranty

\$89.00

QG 700-watt Microwave

- Powerful! 10 power settings
- Large! 1 cubic foot size
- Weight: 27 pounds
- Digital clock and many features!
- 5-year warranty



\$115.00

Base Form

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| 1. The Perco is cheaper than the QG. | 1. <i>cheap</i> |
| 2. The Perco is smaller than the QG. | 2. <i>small</i> |
| 3. The QG warranty is longer than the Perco warranty. | 3. <i>long</i> |
| 4. The QG is heavier than the Perco. | 4. <i>heavy</i> |
| 5. The QG is more useful than the Perco. | 5. <i>useful</i> |
| 6. The QG is more powerful than the Perco. | 6. <i>powerful</i> |

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 – brighter</i> <i>clear – clearer</i> <i>large – larger</i> <i>cheap – cheaper</i> <i>small – smaller</i> <i>long – longer</i>	<i>fancy – fancier</i> <i>modern – more modern</i> <i>heavy – heavier</i> <i>useful – more useful</i>	<i>expensive – more expensive</i> <i>powerful – more powerful</i>

C. Find and underline the comparative adjective in each sentence. 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 Clear-Tel mobile phone plan is cheaper than the Atlantico plan.
- ___ 2. The Clear-Tel plan is more convenient than the Atlantico plan.
- X 3. Atlantico mobile phones are moderner than Clear-Tel phones.
- X 4. Clear-Tel customers are more happy than Atlantico customers.
- ___ 5. Clear-Tel mobile phone reception is clearer than Atlantico reception.
- X 6. Clear-Tel customer service is efficienter than Atlantico customer service.

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

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