Comparative Adjectives

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

1. The NewTech is **brighter** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **bright**
2. The NewTech is **clearer** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **clear**
3. The NewTech is **fancier** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **fancy**
4. The NewTech is **larger** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **large**
5. The NewTech is **more modern** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **modern**
6. The NewTech is **more expensive** than the Compass.
   - Base Form: **expensive**

1. The Perco is **cheaper** than the QG.
   - Base Form: **cheap**
2. The Perco is **smaller** than the QG.
   - Base Form: **small**
3. The QG warranty is **longer** than the Perco warranty.
   - Base Form: **long**
4. The QG is **heavier** than the Perco.
   - Base Form: **heavy**
5. The QG is **more useful** than the Perco.
   - Base Form: **useful**
6. The QG is **more powerful** than the Perco.
   - Base Form: **powerful**
B. Put each base form adjective into the correct column, then write the comparative form next to it.

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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 efficieinter 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.