

# Comparative Adjectives

## How are adjectives used in English? What do we compare?

We use adjectives in simple form to describe **one** thing or element.

e.g. **This cellphone** is **expensive**.

(The adjective **expensive** describes only one cellphone -one element-).

**My house** is **big**.

How many houses does the adjective **big** describe? \_\_\_\_\_

We use adjectives in comparative form to describe **two** things or elements.

e.g. **This cellphone** is **more expensive** than **your cellphone**. (The adjective **more expensive** describes two cellphones -two elements-).

**My house** is **bigger** than **her house**.

How many houses does the comparative adjective **bigger** describe?

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Now that you have learned that linguistically we compare pairs of things or elements in English, pay special attention to the variations that these comparative adjectives may involve according to the number of syllables they contain. Remember that the word **than** should be placed after the comparative phrase to link the first idea with the second one.