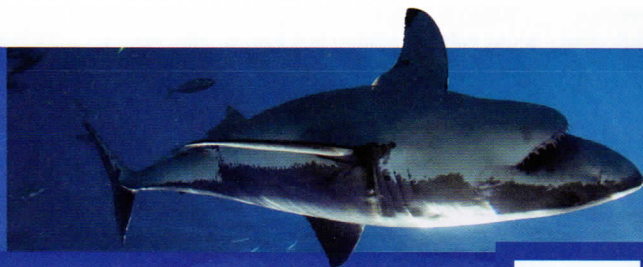


## GRAMMAR Comparative adjectives

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I can make comparisons.



1 Look at the photos. Which animal do you think wins when the two fight? Read the text and check.

The great white shark and the killer whale are both amazing hunters, but which is fiercer? Great white sharks are more dangerous to humans, but are they better hunters? The answer is probably no. Killer whales are bigger and faster than great white sharks. They're much more intelligent, and they're stronger and heavier too. In fact, killer whales sometimes kill and eat great white sharks.

2 Read the text again. Then complete the table with comparative adjectives from the text.

Short adjective	Comparative	Rule
strong	1 _____	+ -er
fierce	2 _____	+ -r
heavy	3 _____	-y → -ier
big	4 _____	double consonant + -er
Long adjective	Comparative	Rule
dangerous	5 _____	more + adjective
Irregular adjective	Comparative	
far	further	
good	6 _____	worse
bad		

3 Underline all the other comparative adjectives in the text in exercise 1. Which rule in the table do they follow?

## LEARN THIS!

- We use *than* to make comparisons.  
Sue is taller *than* me.
- We use *far* or *much* to make a comparison stronger.  
The Amazon River is *much* wider / *far* wider than the Danube.

4 Read the *Learn this!* box. Write true sentences. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

- dogs / humans (intelligent)
- Ferraris / Nissans (expensive)
- Africa / Asia (big)
- Sweden / Spain (cold)
- ice / water (heavy)
- skiing / reading magazines (dangerous)
- sharks / whales (large)

Humans are more intelligent than dogs.

I think my city is more beautiful than ...

beautiful big boring exciting friendly hot  
small wet

9 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Compare places that you know. Use the comparative form of the adjectives below.

	Madagascar	Iceland
Size (km <sup>2</sup> )	587,000	103,000
Rain (days per year)	154	213
Maximum temperature	26°C	7°C
Minimum temperature	10°C	-2°C
Population per km <sup>2</sup>	35	3

1 Madagascar is larger than Iceland.

2 small 4 hot 6 dry  
1 large 3 wet 5 cold 7 crowded

8 Look at the chart below and write sentences about the islands. Use *than* and the comparative form of adjectives 1-7.

I agree. / I don't agree. I think maths is easier.

Which subject is easier, English or maths?  
I think English is easier.  
What do you think?

7 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions in exercise 6. Give your own opinions.

- 1 Which subject / easy, / English or Maths?  
Which subject is easier, English or maths?
- 2 Which drink / nice, / lemonade or orange juice?
- 3 Which singer / talented, / Lady Gaga or Eminem?
- 4 Which actor / funny, / Jim Carrey or Ben Stiller?
- 5 Which type of film / good, / horror films or comedies?

6 Write questions. Use the comparative form of the adjectives.

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5 **3.05 PRONUNCIATION** Listen, repeat and check. Listen to the pronunciation of the ending -er.

