

Tema 8

Adjectives: they are words that describe a *person*, an *animal* or an *object*. There are two kinds of adjectives: **short adjectives** and **long adjectives**

Short Adjectives



They have one or two syllables. Example:

Rich
Poor
Long
Short

Long Adjectives



They have two or more syllables. Example:

Expensive
Comfortable
Beautiful
Modern

Classify the following adjectives into short or long adjectives:

Funny, delicious, thin, intelligent, old, young,
dangerous, fast, slow, serious, careful, ugly, tall,
aggressive, cheap, polite, boring, exciting

Short adjectives

Long adjectives

Comparison with short adjectives

To compare you need: two or more people, animals or objects. To compare with short adjectives you need to add “**er**” to the adjective, and use the word “**than**” too.

Example:



John

Age: 26 years old

Height: 1.82 mts

Tommy

Age: 14 years

Height: 1.52 mts

Comparing Age:

John is **older** *than* Tommy or

Tommy is **younger** *than* John

Comparing Height:

John is **taller** *than* Tommy or

Tommy is **shorter** *than* John

Exceptions to the rule

Short adjectives that finish in “y” , need to drop the “y” and change it for “i” before the “er”. Examples:

funny  **funnier**
ugly  **uglier**

Short adjectives with only one syllable and a vowel (a,e,i,o,u) before the last letter of the word, need to repeat the last letter before the “er”, except the ones that finish in “w”

Big  **bigger**
Thin  **thinner**
Slow  **slower**

Practicing comparison with short adjectives.

Look at pictures, read the information about **Tracy** and **Susan** and compare them using the adjectives in the box in the comparative form.

TRACY



Weight: 78 kgs.

Age: 32 years old

Height: 1.60 mts.

Bank account: \$450,000.00

\$2,700.00

SUSAN



Weight: 62 kgs

Age: 29 years old

Height: 1.70 mts

Bank account:

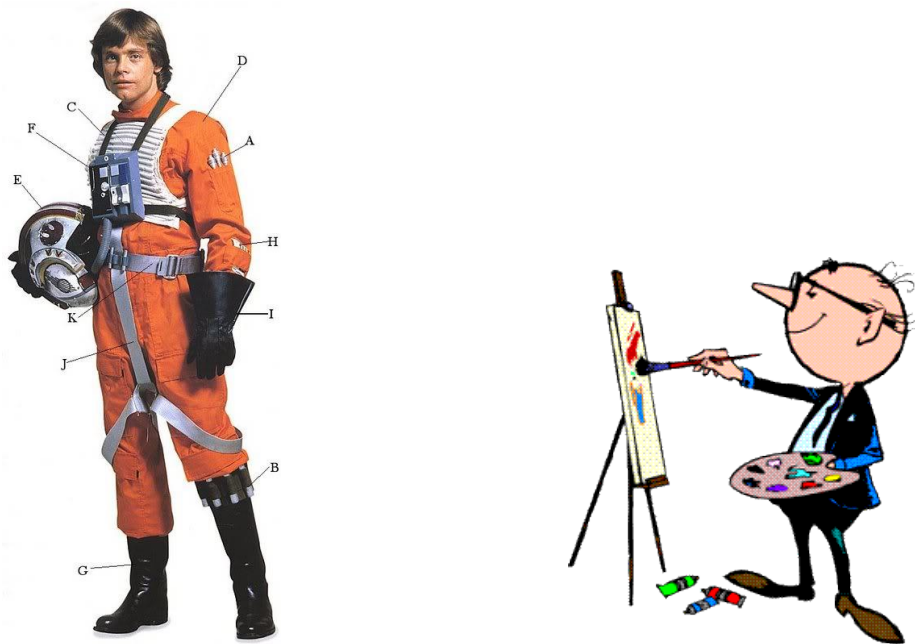
Rich old young short tall heavy thin

Example: Tracy is **shorter** than Susan

Comparison with long adjectives

To compare you need: two or more people, animals or objects. To compare with long adjectives you need to use the word “**more**” before the adjective, and use the word “**than**” too.

Example:



A pilot's job is **more** difficult **than** a painter's job.

A pilot's job is **more** stressful **than** a painter's job.

A painter's job is **more** tiring **than** a pilot's job.

A painter's job is **more** relaxing **than** a pilot's job.

Compare the following chairs using the adjectives in the box

comfortable uncomfortable expensive beautiful modern relaxing



A rocking chair

An armchair

Example: A rocking chair is **more** uncomfortable **than** an armchair

An armchair is **less** comfortable than a rocking chair

Adjectives with “er”

big	easy	new	thin
busy	fast	nice	ugly
cheap	old	warm	clean
funny	pretty	poor	cold
heavy	quiet	young	cool
high	safe	rich	dark
hot	short	wet	deep
large	slow	dirty	light
small	dry	long	tall

Adjectives with “more”

attractive	delicious	important	modern	tiring
beautiful	difficult	interesting	intelligent	polite
boring	exciting	outgoing	serious	luxurious
crowded	expensive	popular	careful	competent
dangerous	famous	relaxing	aggressive	
stressful	polluted	comfortable	uncomfortable	

Irregular adjectives

good

bad

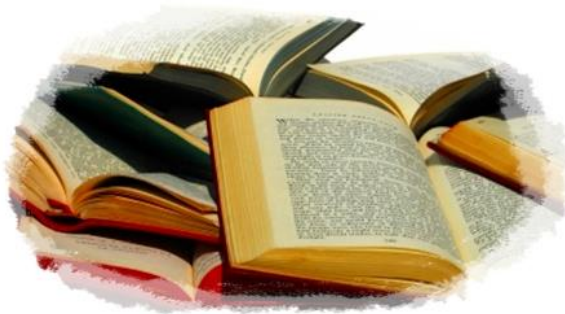
far

Reading.

a) Read the following article and then answer the questions about the CD_ROM and the books.

Incredible, but True!!

All the information in the enormous Britannic Encyclopedia now comes on one small disk. Which do you prefer – the CD-ROM or the set of 30 books? Let's compare them. The CD-ROM is smaller and lighter than the books and it is cheaper. We think it's more interesting, too, because it has video and sound – you can hear animals, musical instruments and famous people talking. So if you think the 30 books are good, we think the CD-ROM is better!



b) Answer the questions.

1. Which is heavier? _____

2. Which of the articles is more boring? _____

3. Are the books bigger than the CD-ROM? _____

4. Is the CD-ROM more expensive than the books? _____

Writing.

Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) comparing the differences between Mexico City and Poza Rica City. Some of the adjectives below can help you write your sentences. Remember to use comparatives correctly!

big beautiful polluted clean cheap crowded



Poza Ria Veracruz



México DF.
