

# Unit 88

## older than ... more expensive than ...

A



She's taller than him.

Hotel Prices (per room per night)	
Europa Hotel	£140
Grand Hotel	£130
Royal Hotel	£125
tel	£110

The Europa Hotel is more expensive than the Grand.

We use **than** after comparatives (**older than ... / more expensive than ...** etc.):

- Athens is **older than** Rome.
- Are oranges **more expensive than** bananas?
- It's **easier** to take a taxi **than** to take the bus.
- 'How are you today?' 'Not bad. **Better than** yesterday.'
- The restaurant is **more crowded than** usual.

B

We usually say: than me / than him / than her / than us / than them.

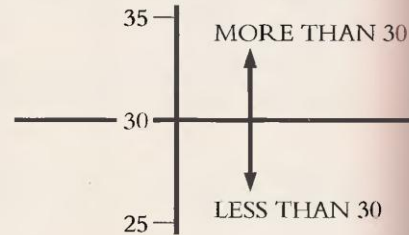
You can say:

- I can run faster **than him**. or I can run faster **than he can**.
- You are a better singer **than me**. or You are a better singer **than I am**.
- I got up earlier **than her**. or I got up earlier **than she did**.

C

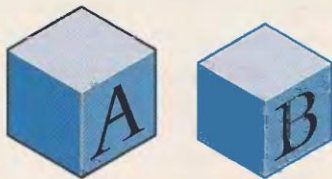
more/less than ...

- A: How much did your shoes cost? £50?
- B: No, **more than** that. (= **more than** £50)
- The film was very short – **less than** an hour.
- They've got **more money than** they need.
- You go out **more than** me.

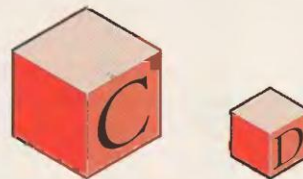


D

a bit older / much older etc.



Box A is a **bit bigger** than Box B.



Box C is **much bigger** than Box D.

a bit much	bigger	than ...
	older	
	better	
	more difficult	
	more expensive	

- Canada is **much bigger** than France.
- Sue is a **bit older** than Gary – she's 25 and he's 24.
- The hotel was **much more expensive** than I expected.
- You go out **much more** than me.

# Exercises

# Unit 88

## 88.1 Write sentences about Liz and Ben. Use than.



Liz

- 1 I'm 26.
- 2 I'm not a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 68 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8 o'clock.
- 5 I don't work very hard.
- 6 I haven't got much money.
- 7 I'm a very good driver.
- 8 I'm not very patient.
- 9 I'm not a very good dancer.
- 10 I'm very intelligent.
- 11 I speak French very well.
- 12 I don't go to the cinema very much.

Ben



- 1 I'm 24.
- 2 I'm a very good swimmer.
- 3 I'm 1 metre 63 tall.
- 4 I start work at 8.30.
- 5 I work very hard.
- 6 I've got a lot of money.
- 7 I'm not a very good driver.
- 8 I'm very patient.
- 9 I'm a good dancer.
- 10 I'm not very intelligent.
- 11 I don't speak French very well.
- 12 I go to the cinema a lot.

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|---|------------------|
| 1 Liz <u>is older than Ben</u> .            | 7 Liz is a ..... |
| 2 Ben <u>is a better swimmer than Liz</u> . | 8 Ben .....      |
| 3 Liz is .....                              | 9 Ben .....      |
| 4 Liz starts ..... Ben.                     | 10 Liz .....     |
| 5 Ben .....                                 | 11 Liz .....     |
| 6 Ben has got .....                         | 12 Ben .....     |

## 88.2 Complete the sentences. Use than.

- 1 He isn't very tall. You're taller than him (OR taller than he is) .
- 2 She isn't very old. You're .....
- 3 I don't work very hard. You work .....
- 4 He doesn't watch TV very much. You .....
- 5 I'm not a very good cook. You .....
- 6 We don't know many people. You .....
- 7 They haven't got much money. You .....
- 8 I can't run very fast. You can .....
- 9 She hasn't been here very long. You .....
- 10 They didn't get up very early. You .....
- 11 He wasn't very surprised. You .....

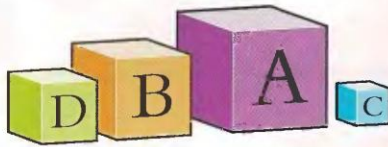
## 88.3 Complete the sentences with a bit or much + comparative (older/better etc.).

- 1 Emma is 25. Gary is 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Emma is a bit older than Gary .
- 2 Jack's mother is 52. His father is 69.  
Jack's mother .....
- 3 My camera cost £100. Yours cost £96.  
My camera .....
- 4 Yesterday I felt terrible. Today I feel OK.  
I feel .....
- 5 Today the temperature is 12 degrees. Yesterday it was 10 degrees.  
It's .....
- 6 Sarah is an excellent tennis player. I'm not very good.  
Sarah .....



the oldest      the most expensive

A



Box A is **bigger than** Box B.  
 Box A is **bigger than** all the other boxes.  
 Box A is **the biggest** box.

**HOTEL PRICES IN KINTON**

(Per room per night)

Europa Hotel	£140	Grosvenor	£100
Grand Hotel	£125	Bennets	£90
Royal	£120	Carlton	£85
Astoria	£115	Star	£75
Palace	£110	Station	£75

The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** the Grand.  
 The Europa Hotel is **more expensive than** all the other hotels in the city.  
 The Europa Hotel is **the most expensive** hotel in the city.

**Bigger / older / more expensive** etc. are *comparative* forms (→ Unit 87).  
**Biggest / oldest / most expensive** etc. are *superlative* forms.

B

The superlative form is **-est (oldest)** or **most ... (most expensive)**.

Short words (old/cheap/nice etc.) → <b>the -est:</b>		
old → <b>the oldest</b>	cheap → <b>the cheapest</b>	nice → <b>the nicest</b>
but good → <b>the best</b>	bad → <b>the worst</b>	
Spelling (→ Appendix 5): big → <b>the biggest</b> hot → <b>the hottest</b>		
Words ending in -y (easy/heavy etc.) → <b>the -iest:</b>		
easy → <b>the easiest</b>	heavy → <b>the heaviest</b>	pretty → <b>the prettiest</b>
Long words (careful/expensive/interesting etc.) → <b>the most ... :</b>		
careful → <b>the most careful</b>	interesting → <b>the most interesting</b>	

C

We say **the oldest ... / the most expensive ...** etc. (with **the**):

- The church is very old. It's **the oldest** building in the town.  
(= it is **older than** all the other buildings)
- What is **the longest** river in the world?
- Money is important, but it isn't **the most important** thing in life.
- Excuse me, where is **the nearest** bank?

D

You can use **the oldest / the best / the most expensive** etc. without a noun:

- Ken is a good player, but he isn't **the best** in the team.  
(**the best** = the best player)

E

You can use *superlative* + **I've ever ... / you've ever ...** etc.:

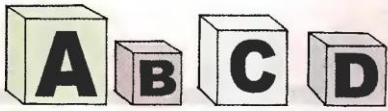
- The film was very bad. I think it's **the worst** film **I've ever seen**.
- What is **the most unusual** thing **you've ever done**?

# Exercises

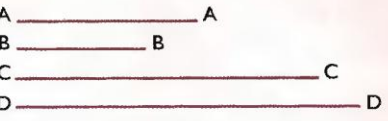
# Unit 90

## 90.1 Write sentences with comparatives (older etc.) and superlatives (the oldest etc.).

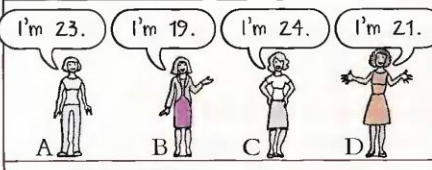
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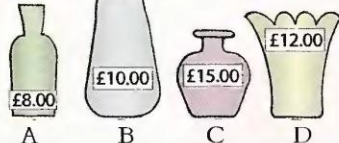
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RESTAURANT A	excellent
RESTAURANT B	not bad
RESTAURANT C	good but not wonderful
RESTAURANT D	awful

big/small  
 (A/D) A is bigger than D.  
 (A) A is the biggest.  
 (B) B is the smallest.

long/short  
 (C/A) C is ..... A.  
 (D) D is .....  
 (B) B .....

young/old  
 (D/C) D .....  
 (B) .....  
 (C) .....

expensive/cheap  
 (D/A) .....  
 (C) .....  
 (A) .....

good/bad  
 (A/C) .....  
 (A) .....  
 (D) .....

## 90.2 Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (the oldest etc.).

- This building is very old. It's the oldest building in the town.
- It was a very happy day. It was ..... of my life.
- It's a very good film. It's ..... I've ever seen.
- She's a very popular singer. She's ..... in the country.
- It was a very bad mistake. It was ..... I've ever made.
- It's a very pretty village. It's ..... I've ever seen.
- It was a very cold day. It was ..... of the year.
- He's a very boring person. He's ..... I've ever met.

## 90.3 Write sentences with a superlative (the longest etc.). Choose from the boxes.

Sydney	Alaska	high	country	river	Africa	South America
Everest	the Nile	large	city	state	<del>Australia</del>	the world
Brazil	Jupiter	long	mountain	planet	the USA	the solar system

- Sydney is the largest city in Australia.
- Everest .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....