



Comparatives:

Basic Comparative Formation: -er and More

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. My brother is ___ than me.
a) more tall
b) taller
c) most tall
d) tallest
2. This book is ___ than that one.
a) interessting
b) more interesting
c) most interesting
d) interestinger
3. Summer is ___ than winter.
a) hoter
b) more hot
c) hotter
d) hottest
4. A car is ___ than a bicycle.
a) fastest
b) more fast
c) most fast
d) faster
5. This exercise is ___ than the last one.
a) easier
b) easiest
c) easier
d) more easy
6. The sofa is ___ than the chair.
a) comfortable
b) most comfortable
c) more comfortable
d) comfortabler
7. Elephants are ___ than cats.
a) more big
b) bigger
c) biggest
d) bigger
8. This street is ___ than the main road.
a) narrowly
b) narrower
c) narrowest
d) most narrow
9. A diamond is ___ than glass.
a) harder
b) hardest
c) more hard
d) most hard
10. The new phone is ___ than the old model.
a) thiner
b) thinnest
c) thinner
d) more thin
11. Learning Chinese is ___ than learning Spanish.
a) difficulter
b) difficult
c) most difficult
d) more difficult

12. Today is ___ than yesterday.
a) most cold
b) colder
c) more cold
d) coldest
13. The movie was ___ than I expected.
a) more funny
b) funniest
c) funnier
d) funnyer
14. This problem is ___ than the first one.
a) complexest
b) more complex
c) complexer
d) most complex
15. My flat is ___ than yours.
a) smaller
b) more small
c) smallest
d) most small
16. The city centre is ___ than the suburbs.
a) noisyer
b) noisiest
c) noisier
d) more noisy
17. Silk is ___ than cotton.
a) more expensive
b) most expensive
c) expensiver
d) expensive
18. This lake is ___ than the river.
a) deeper
b) more deep
c) deepest
d) most deep
19. The new teacher is ___ than the old one.
a) strictly
b) strictest
c) most strict
d) stricter
20. This recipe is ___ than the other one.
a) most simple
b) simplest
c) simplier
d) simpler



Answers

1. b) taller
2. b) more interesting
3. c) hotter
4. d) faster
5. a) easier
6. c) more comfortable
7. d) bigger
8. b) narrower
9. a) harder
10. c) thinner
11. d) more difficult
12. b) colder
13. c) funnier
14. b) more complex
15. a) smaller
16. c) noisier
17. a) more expensive
18. a) deeper
19. d) stricter
20. d) simpler



Explanations

1. “taller” (b)

'Tall' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er to form the comparative: taller. We do not use 'more' with short adjectives.

2. “more interesting” (b)

'Interesting' has four syllables, so we use 'more + adjective' to form the comparative: more interesting.

3. “hotter” (c)

'Hot' ends in a single vowel + single consonant (CVC pattern), so we double the final consonant and add -er: hotter.

4. “faster” (d)

'Fast' is a one-syllable adjective. We add -er to form the comparative: faster.

5. “easier” (a)

'Easy' ends in a consonant + y, so we change the y to i and add -er: easier. We don't use 'more' with two-syllable adjectives ending in -y.

6. “more comfortable” (c)

'Comfortable' has four syllables, so we use 'more + adjective': more comfortable.

7. “bigger” (d)

'Big' follows the CVC pattern (consonant-vowel-consonant), so we double the final g and add -er: bigger.

8. “narrower” (b)

'Narrow' is a two-syllable adjective ending in -ow, which takes -er: narrower. Adjectives ending in -ow, -er, and -le usually take -er.

9. “harder” (a)

'Hard' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er: harder.

10. “thinner” (c)

'Thin' ends in a single vowel + single consonant, so we double the n and add -er: thinner.

11. “more difficult” (d)

'Difficult' has three syllables, so we use 'more + adjective': more difficult.

12. “colder” (b)

'Cold' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er: colder.

13. “funnier” (c)

'Funny' ends in a consonant + y, so we change the y to i and add -er: funnier.

14. “more complex” (b)

'Complex' has two syllables but doesn't end in -y, -er, -ow, or -le, so we use 'more + adjective': more complex.

15. “smaller” (a)

'Small' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er: smaller.

16. “noisier” (c)

'Noisy' ends in a consonant + y, so we change the y to i and add -er: noisier.

17. “more expensive” (a)

'Expensive' has three syllables, so we use 'more + adjective': more expensive.

18. “deeper” (a)

'Deep' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er: deeper.

19. “stricter” (d)

'Strict' is a one-syllable adjective, so we add -er: stricter.

20. “simpler” (d)

'Simple' is a two-syllable adjective ending in -le, which takes -er: simpler. Note the spelling: simple → simpler (not 'simplier').