

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.



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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**.

## 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 .....

1. I am 3 years ...(young)..... than you.

a) younger b) more young

b) c) the younger

2. He is 5 years ...(old).....than me.

a) older b) more older c) more old

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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.

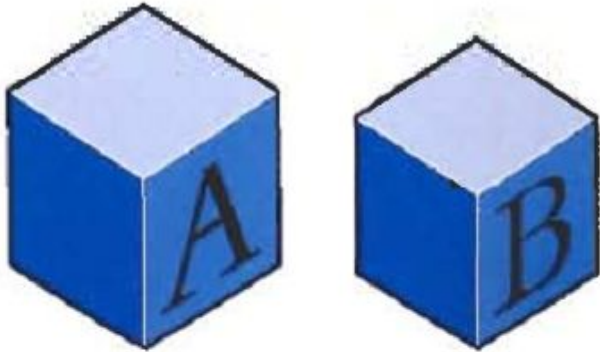
□ You go out **more than** me.

little – **less** – least  
many – **more** –  
most

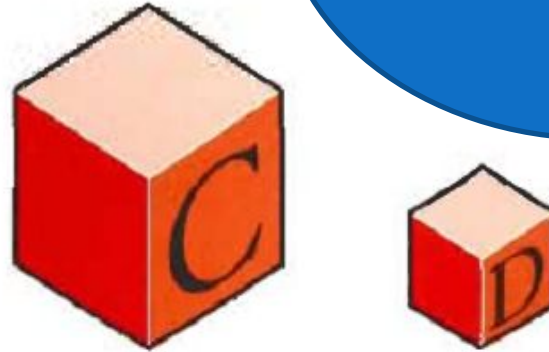


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a bit older / much older etc.



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



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

<b>a bit</b> <b>much</b>	bigger older better more difficult more expensive	than ...
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- 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.

### 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 .....

1. In Russia ..... of the year is usually from December to March.

A) coldest b) the coldest c) colder

2. It finally happened in 1987, ..... more than a century later.

a) not much b) not many c) no much

3. I think that the Russian language is the ..... language in the world.

a) harder b) hardest c) more harder



# to be born

I + (to be born)