Comparatives and superlatives

**Use**

* We use comparative adjectives and adverbs to compare two things. We use *than* after a comparative.

My flat is **smaller than** your flat.

This car is **less expensive than** that car.

Daniel can run **more quickly than** Amelie.

* We use (not) as ... as to compare two things which are (not) the same or equal.

This tent is **as** warm **as** a caravan.

The oil stove **doesn't** work **as** efficiently **as** a gas cooker.

* We use superlative adjectives and adverbs to compare three or more things. We usually use the before a superlative adjective.

People say that this is **the most expensive** house in the world.

Aeroplanes are **the fastest** form of transport.

* We use modifiers such as *a bit, a little* and *slightly* before comparative adjectives and adverbs to talk about small differences, and *a lot, much* and *far* to talk about large differences.

My car is **slightly** newer than yours.

Petrol cars are **much** more expensive than electric cars.

**Common expressions with comparative forms:**

* *the + comparative, the + comparative.*

**The bigger** the engine, **the faster** you go.

**The quicker** we leave, **the sooner** we'll get there.

**The more expensive** the furniture, **the more comfortable** it'll be.

* *get + comparative + and + comparative.*

It's **getting easier and easier** to build your own house.

The weather **got colder and colder**.

They **got more and more tired** as the day went on.