

THE COMPARATIVE *LE COMPARATIF*

To say **bigger, smaller than, etc. or more intelligent, more difficult than,** etc. in French, use:

plus + adjectif + que..... = *-er/more + adjective + than.....*

REMEMBER: Adjectives must agree with the noun!

Mon frère est **plus intelligent que** mon cousin. = *My brother is **more intelligent than** my cousin.*

L'Irlande est **plus petite que** l'Angleterre. = *Ireland is **smaller than** England.*

L'allemand est **plus difficile que** le français. = *German is **more difficult than** French.* Il fait **plus froid** ici **qu'**en France. = *It is **colder here than** in France.*

To say **less intelligent than, less wealthy than, less expensive than,** etc. in French, use:

moins + adjectif + que..... = *less + adjective + than.....*

Son oncle est **moins riche que** son père. = *His uncle is **less wealthy than** his father.*

La bière coûte **moins cher que** le vin. = *Beer is **cheaper than** wine.*

Sa vie est **moins dure que** la tienne. = *Her life is **less harder than** yours.* Un autobus est **moins rapide qu'**un train. = *A bus is **less faster than** a train.*

To say **as fast as, as good as, as tall as,** etc. in French, use:

aussi + adjectif + que..... = *as + adjective + as.....*

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Mon ami Pierre court **aussi vite que** moi. = *My friend Pierre runs **as fast as** me.*

Ce gâteau est **aussi bon que** le tien. = *This cake is **as good as** yours.*

La fille était **aussi grande que** sa mère. = *The girl was **as tall as** her mother.* Il est **aussi beau que** son frère. = *He is **as handsome as** his brother.*

NOTE:

bon = good changes to *meilleur* = better

mauvais = bad changes to *pire* = worse (in formal and literary contexts)

but

plus mauvais is also used to express worse

La vie en France était **meilleure qu'**aux États-Unis. = *Life in France was **better than** in the U.S.* Le temps est **pire qu'**hier. = *The weather is **worse than** yesterday.*

NOTE:

Repeat the comparative before each adjective:

Elle est **plus sage et plus calme que** sa soeur. = *She is **wiser and calmer than** her sister.*

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