ADJECTIVES

Taller Than Tall

Tim is tall, but his uncle is taller. Tall and taller are adjectives (words that describe nouns). Tall is a regular adjective, which is called the positive degree. Taller is the comparative degree of the adjective. We use it to compare two things.

We add –er to most one- and two-syllable adjectives to make them comparative. If the word ends with –y, remember to change the y to i before adding –er.

When an adjective is longer—three syllables or more—we put the word more in front of it. For example:

The Colossus of Rhodes was a beautiful statue, but I think the Statue of Liberty is even more beautiful.

DIRECTIONS
On the blank lines, write the comparative degrees of the adjectives in boldface. If you’re not sure of the spelling, check your dictionary. Sometimes you just have to add –er, and sometimes you have to put more in front of the adjective.

1. My cousin thinks she’s so smart, but I am a ____________________________ person by far, and not conceited about it, either.

2. Since your glamorous gown was eaten by the dragon, Princess, the royal tailors have made you an even ____________________________ gown.

3. If you think a baby elephant is a heavy thing to carry, try lifting this baby hippo; it’s much ____________________________ .

4. My grandma always baked mouthwatering cakes, but now that she’s graduated from pastry school, her cakes are ____________________________ .

5. Your mother said your room was messy, but if she ever saw my room, she’d know that mine is ____________________________ than yours by a long shot!

6. The movie we saw last week was funny, but the one we saw tonight was ____________________________ by a thousand laughs.

7. He thinks that the Haunted House ride is frightening, but the Tower of Snakes ride is much ____________________________ .

8. Okay, King Kong was colossal, but don’t you think that Godzilla was ____________________________ by at least a few inches?