

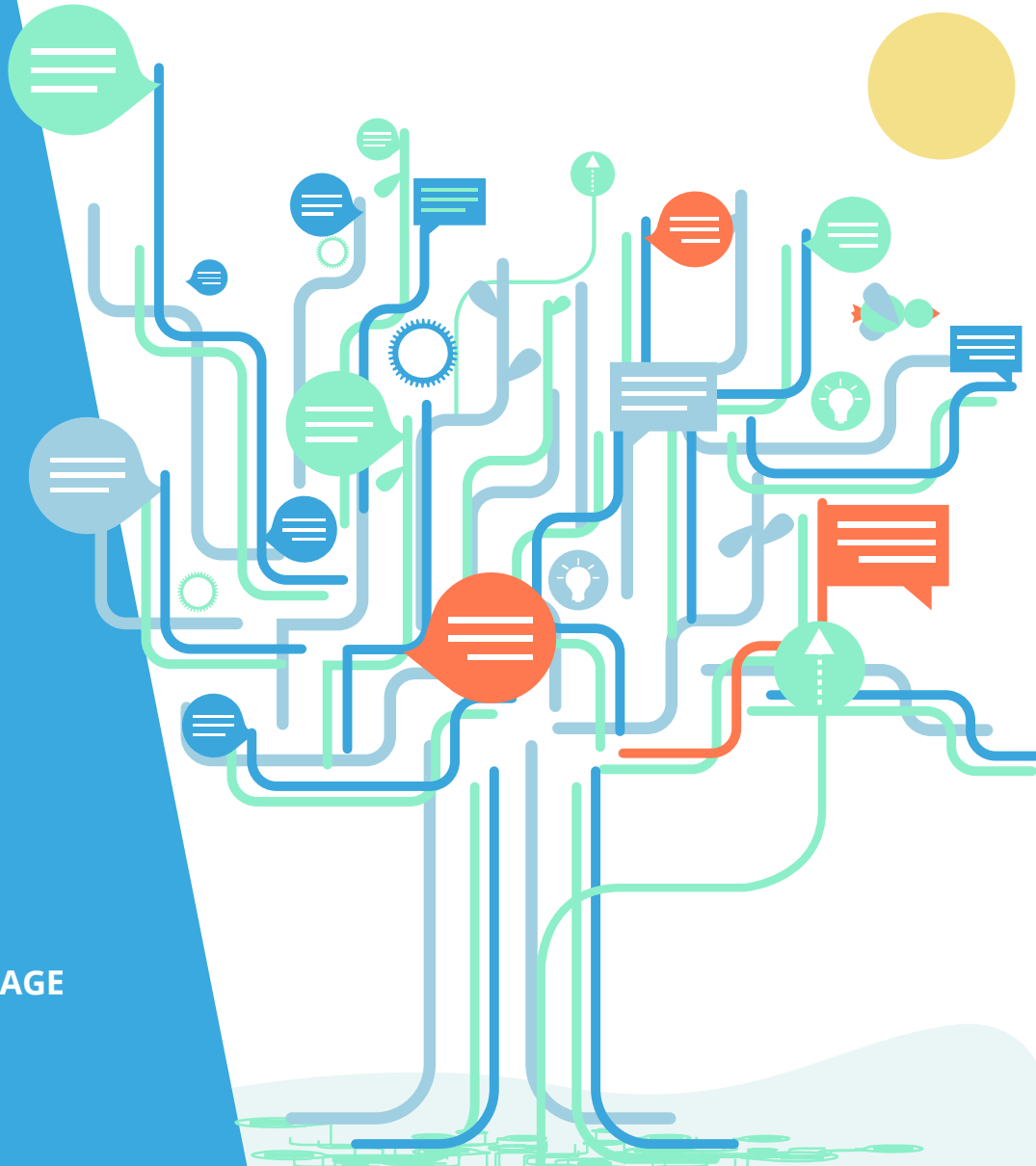
# The comparative of adjectives

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## Goals

- Learn how to form comparative adjectives
- Practise using comparative adjectives to talk about your home



My bedroom has many windows. My bathroom has no windows. My bedroom is **brighter** than my bathroom.

The frame is decorated with the following icons:

- Top-left: A speech bubble icon.
- Top-right: A document icon with horizontal lines.
- Left side (top to bottom): A lightbulb icon, a large exclamation mark icon, and a lips icon.
- Right side (top to bottom): A paper airplane icon, a quotation mark icon, and a question mark icon.
- Bottom-right: A pencil icon.



## Comparative adjectives

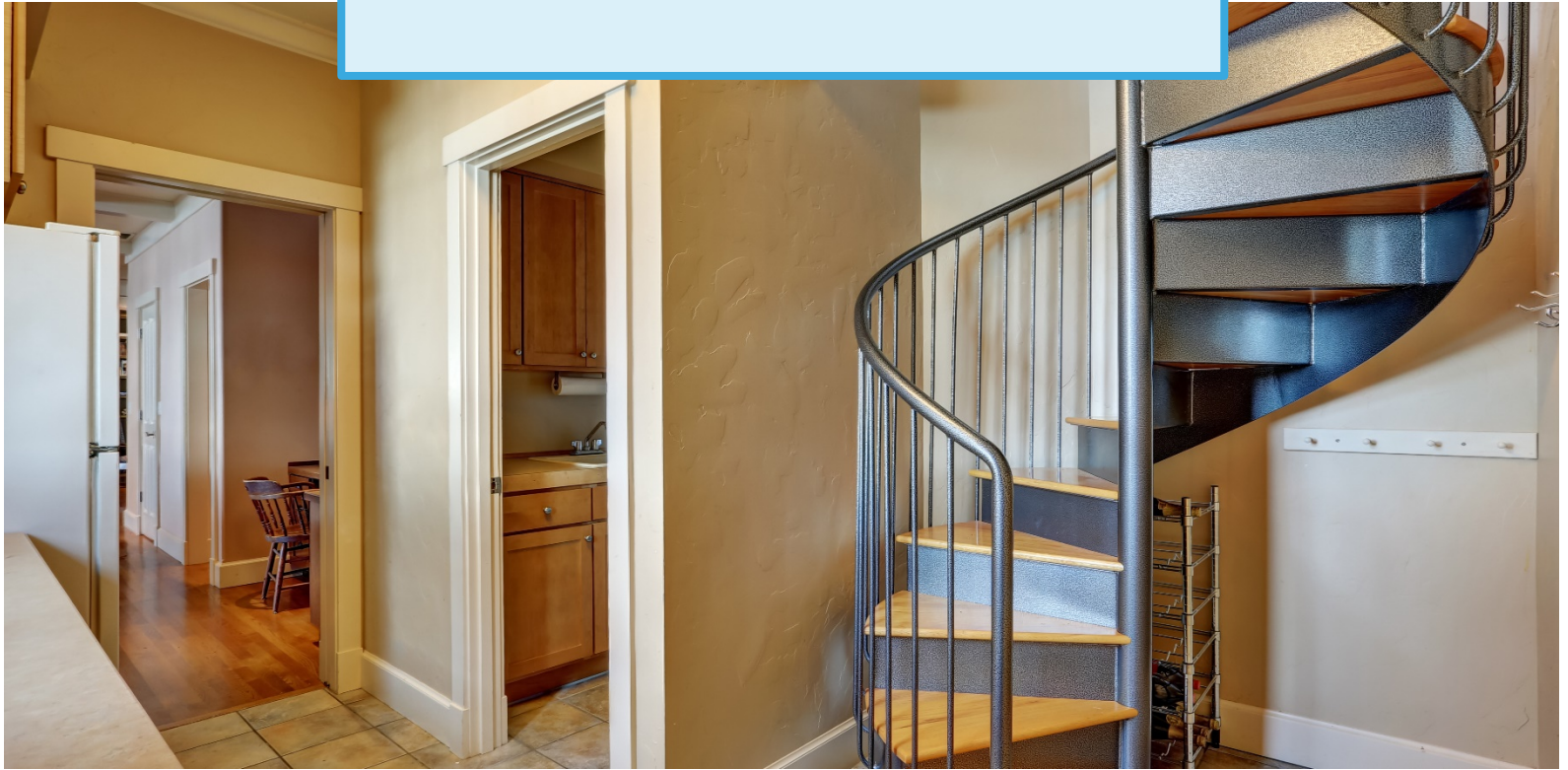
- Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between two things.
- When you are comparing things, *than* is placed after the comparative adjective. The construction is as follows:

**Noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun (object)**

**For example:**

- My cat is **cuter than** yours.
- George is **taller than** Sally.

**big**



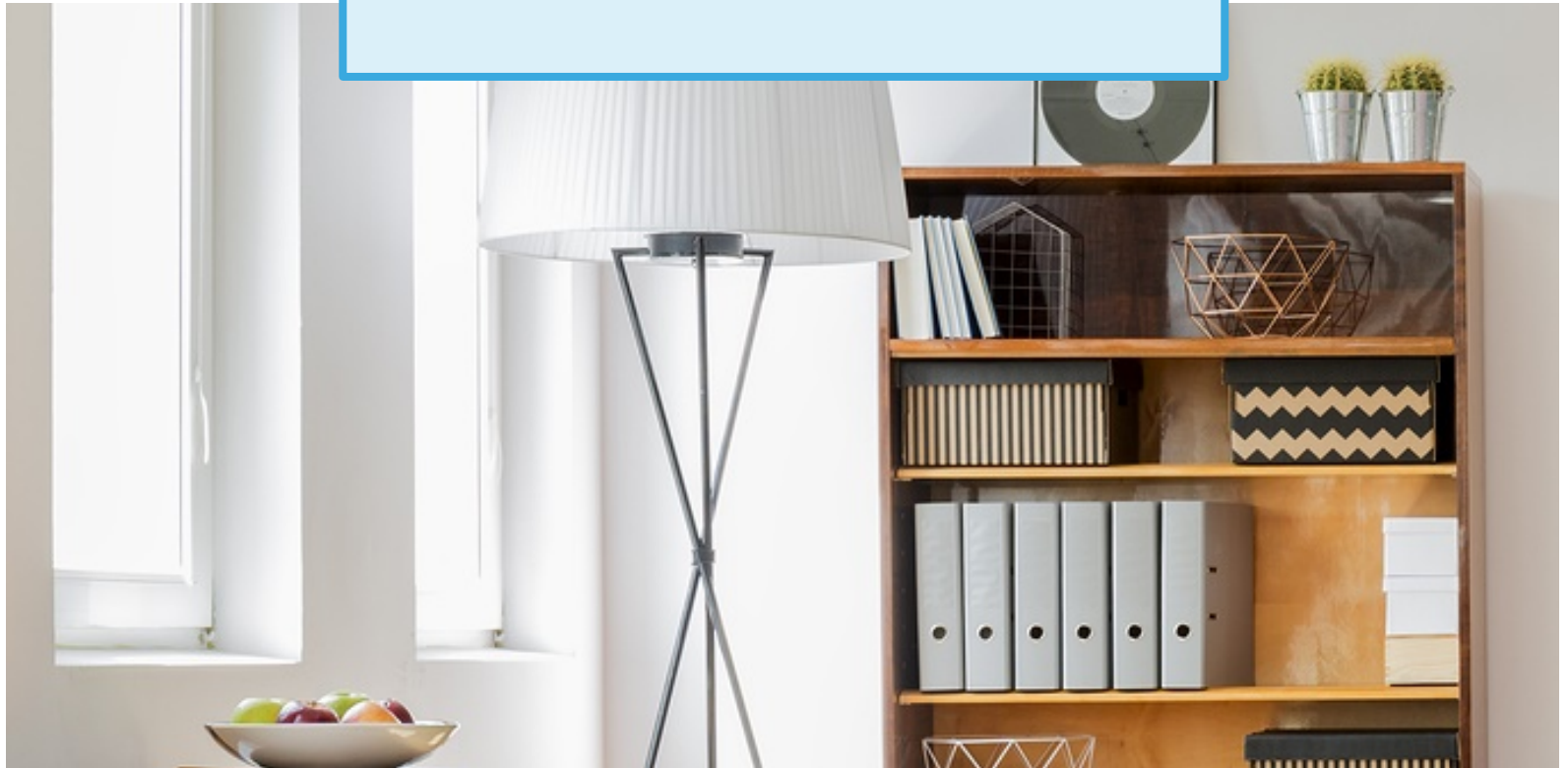
Your new apartment is really **big**.

small



My apartment is **small**.

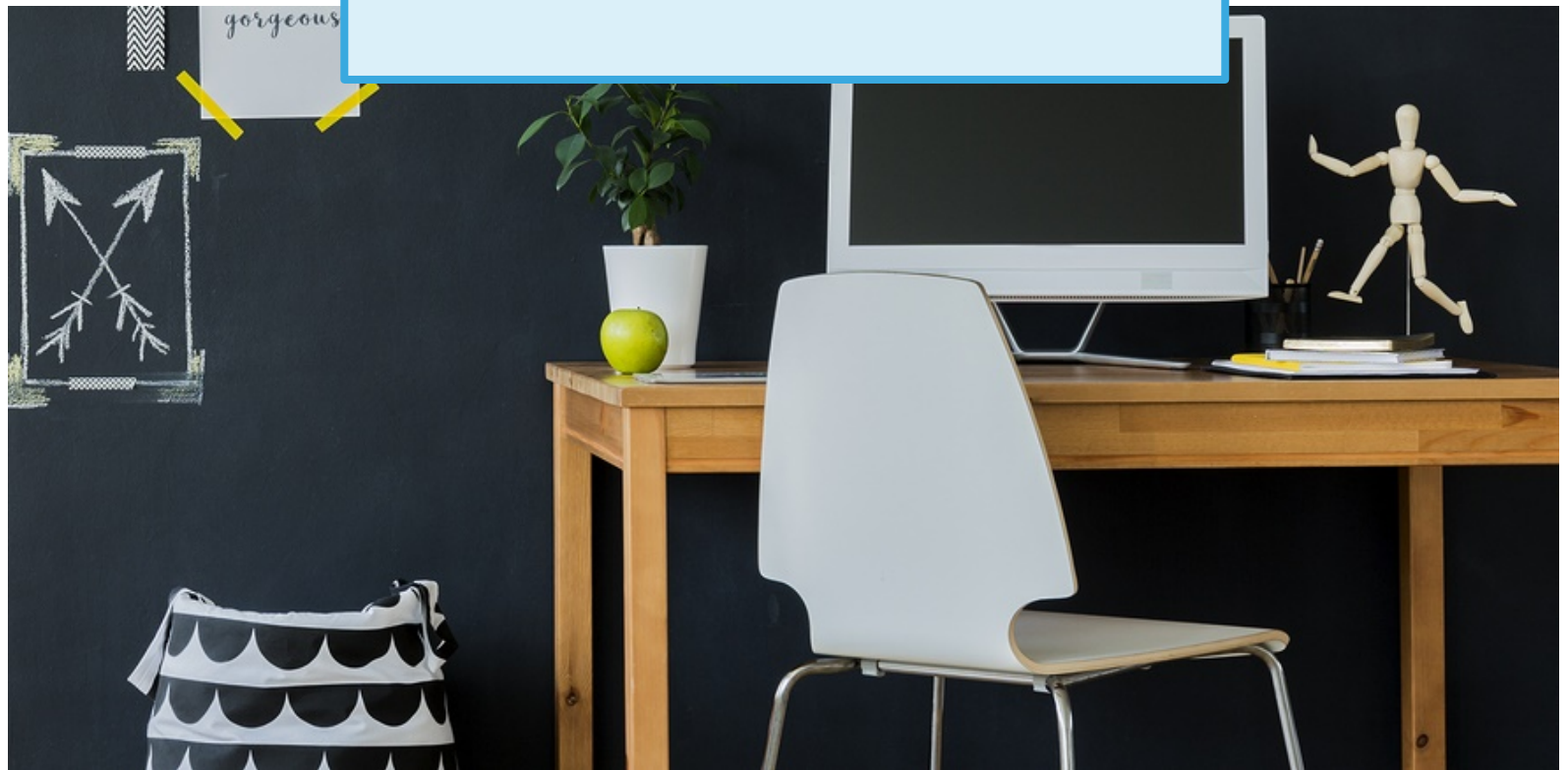
bright



Your apartment is **bright**.



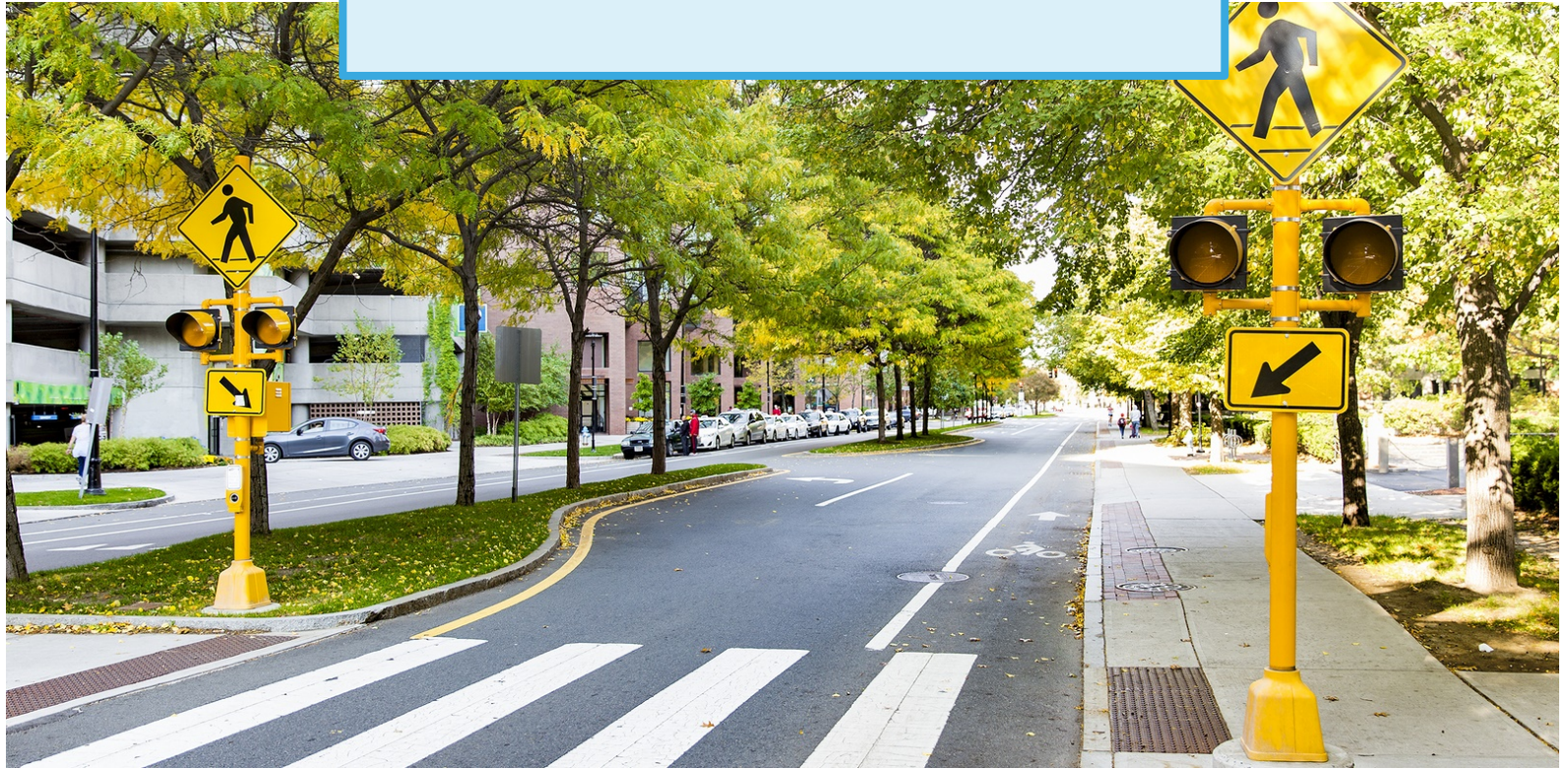
dark



My apartment is **dark**.



quiet



I don't hear any traffic and it is **quiet**.



## Forming comparatives

For short words, we add **-er** to mean **more**.

adjective	comparative
bright	brighter
dark	darker
small	smaller
big	bigger



## Match the pictures to the sentences

1. Your apartment is big.

2. Your apartment is bright.

3. My apartment is small.

4. My apartment is dark.



A



B



C



D



## Fill the gap with the comparative

1. My living room is \_\_\_\_\_ than my bedroom.

**a. big**

**b. brighter**

**c. small**

**d. dark**

2. My bathroom is \_\_\_\_\_ than my kitchen.

**a. big**

**b. bright**

**c. smaller**

**d. dark**

3. My bedroom is \_\_\_\_\_ than my bathroom.

**a. bigger**

**b. bright**

**c. small**

**d. dark**



# Choose the correct adjective



**small  
smaller**

Which room is \_\_\_\_\_?

**bigger  
big**

Which room is \_\_\_\_\_?

**bright  
brighter**

Which room is \_\_\_\_\_?

**bright  
dark**

I like \_\_\_\_\_ kitchens!

My bathroom is \_\_\_\_\_.

**brighter  
smaller**

My bedroom is \_\_\_\_\_.

**bigger  
darker**

My kitchen is \_\_\_\_\_.

**brighter  
darker**



noisy



I hear lots of traffic and it is **noisy**.

messy



My room is **messy** and I need to clean it.



tidy



My room is **tidy** and everything is put away.



## Change *-y* to *-i*

If the word ends in **-y**, we change it to **-i** and then add **-er**.

adjective	comparative
noisy	nois <b>ier</b>
messy	mess <b>ier</b>
tidy	tid <b>ier</b>



## Fill the gaps

1. I hear a lot of traffic. My apartment is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a. noisy**

**b. quiet**

2. I don't hear any traffic. My apartment is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a. noisy**

**b. quiet**

3. I cleaned my apartment and put everything away. My apartment is \_\_\_\_\_.

**a. tidy**

**b. messy**



Which word is not comparative? Make a sentence with each

quieter

noisier

messier

tidier

small

bigger



## Fill in the gaps

\_\_\_\_\_ bigger

small

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

brighter

dark

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

quieter

noisy

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

messier

tidy

\_\_\_\_\_





## Practise saying these words

A

noisy

B

noisier

C

tidy

D

tidier

cheap



I don't pay much money and my house is **cheap**.

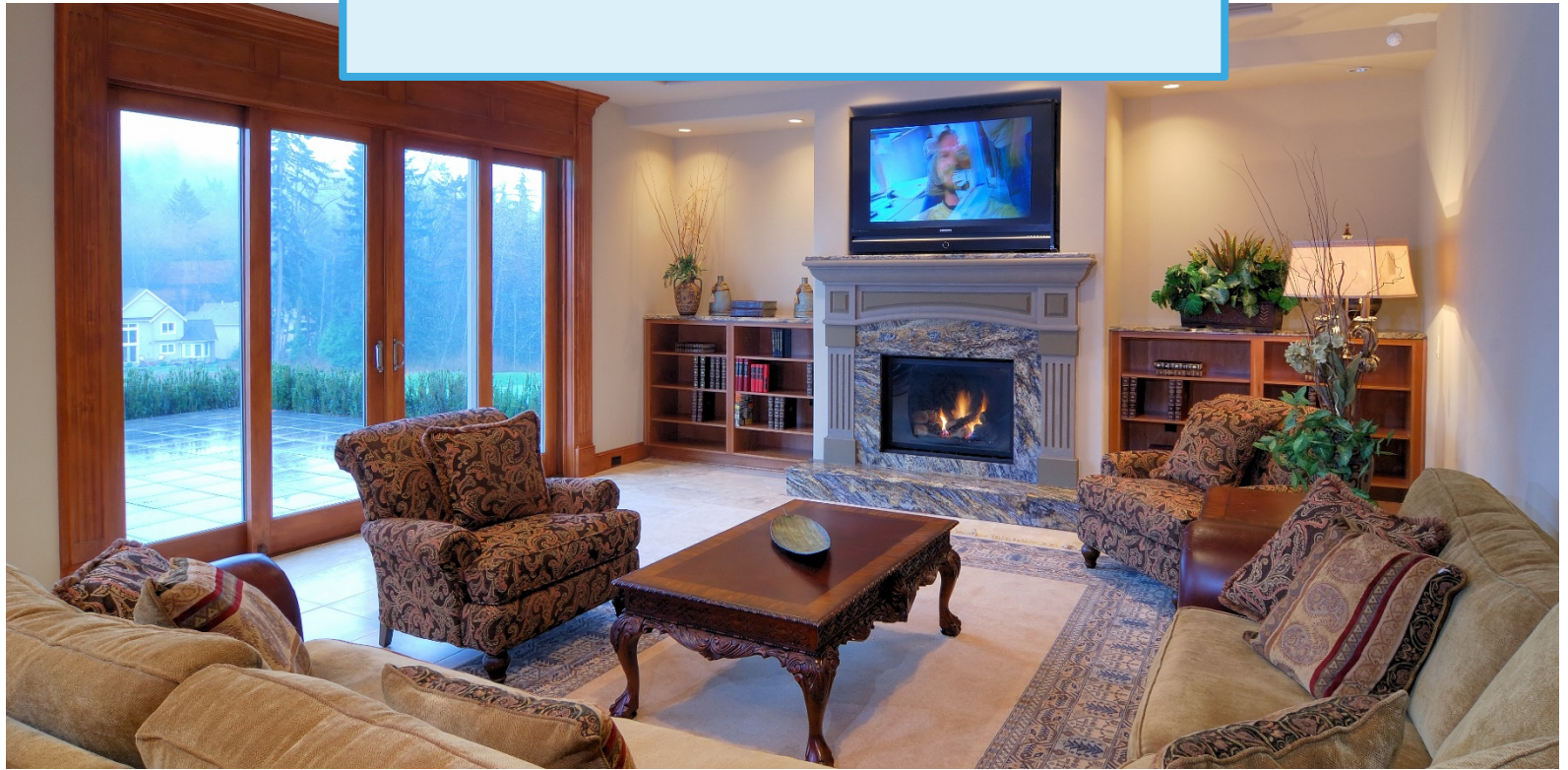


expensive



I pay a lot of money and my house is **expensive**.

traditional



My house is old and it looks **traditional**.



contemporary



My house is new and it looks **contemporary**.



## Use *more*

- For longer words, we use **more** and we don't add **-er**. We add the word **more** before the adjective to make it comparative.
- This is normally when the adjective has **three or more syllables**.

adjective	comparative
expensive	<b>more</b> expensive
traditional	<b>more</b> traditional
contemporary	<b>more</b> contemporary



## Irregulars

- Here is a list of some of the most common irregular comparative adjectives.

Adjective		Comparative
good	→	better
bad	→	worse
much	→	more
little	→	less
far	→	further



Compare these two images. Try and use as many irregular comparative adjectives as you can.



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Which words describe this picture?



tidy  
messy

bright  
dark

traditional  
contemporary

cheap  
expensive





## Describe your home

more traditional

tidier

messier

brighter

quieter

bigger

noisier

more  
expensive

cheaper

more contemporary



## Ask questions to compare your homes

Who has the noisier home?

I hear a lot of traffic. Do you hear a lot of traffic?

No, I don't hear any traffic. My home is quieter.

Ask questions using the comparative adjectives from this lesson to learn about other people's homes.



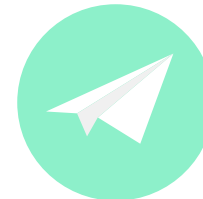
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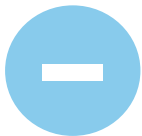
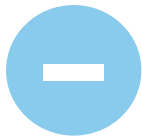
no



## Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.  
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?

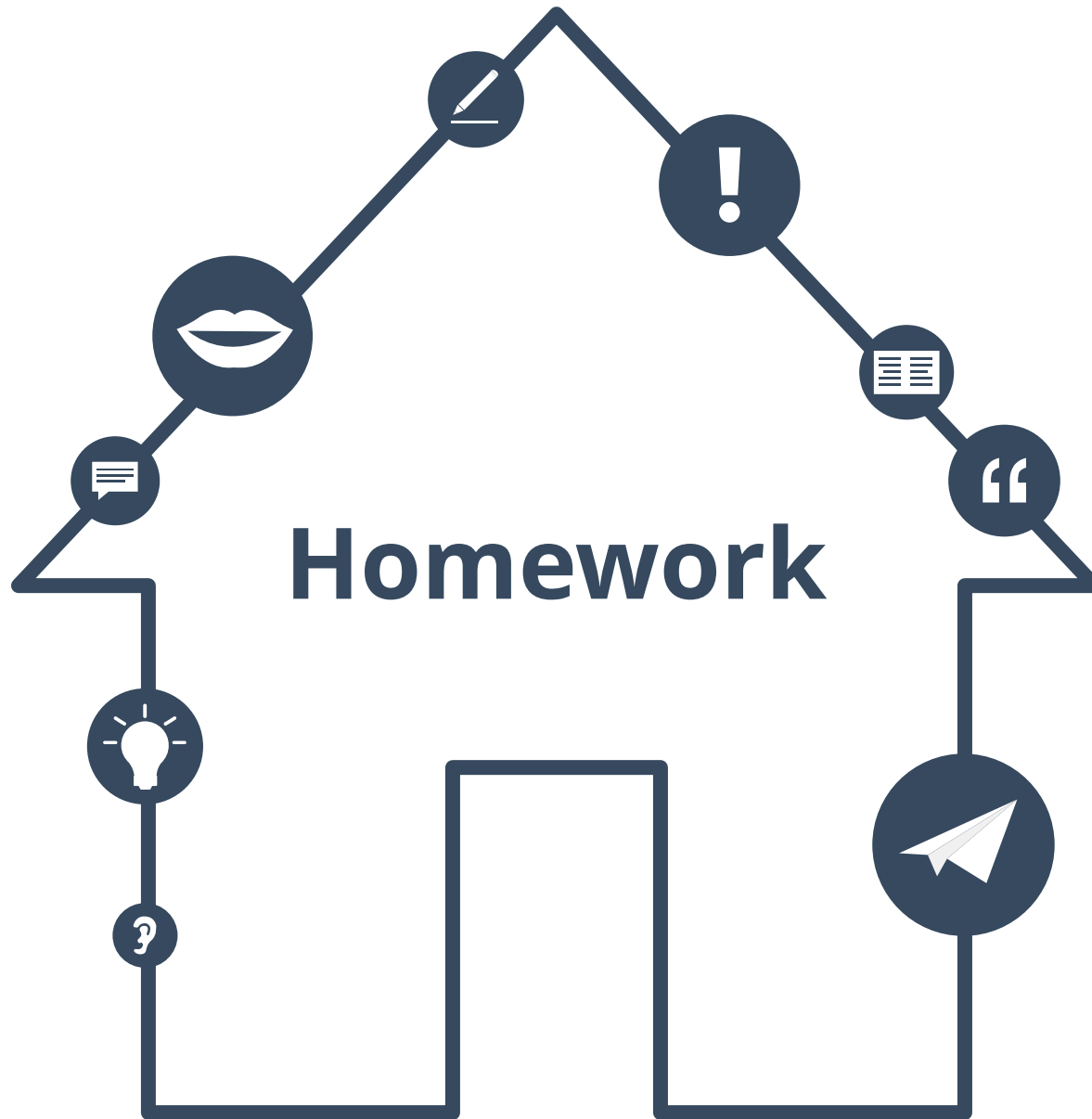
  
  
  
  

If you have time, go over  
the most difficult slides again



## Answer key

Exercise p. 9: 1. C 2. A 3. D 4. B  
Exercise p. 10: 1. brighter 2. smaller 3. bigger  
Exercise p. 11: Which room is smaller? My bathroom is smaller. Which room is bigger? My bedroom is bigger. Which room is brighter? My kitchen is brighter. I like bright kitchens!  
Exercise p. 17: 1. noisy 2. quiet 3. tidy  
Exercise p. 18: small  
Exercise p. 19: big, bigger, small, smaller, bright, brighter, dark, darker, quiet, quieter, noisy, noisier, messy, messier, tidy, tidier  
Exercise p. 26: tidy, bright, traditional or contemporary, cheap or expensive





## Complete the table

contemporary	_____
_____	more traditional
expensive	_____
_____	cheaper
bright	_____
_____	darker
messy	_____
_____	tidier
noisy	_____

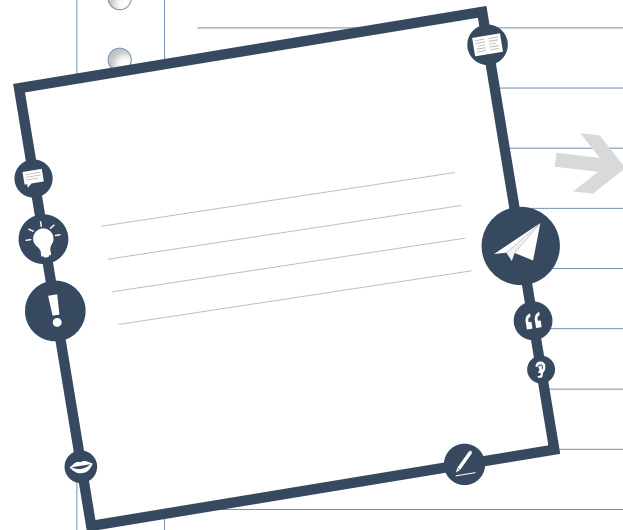






## Text at the beginning

**Go back to the text on page 3  
and find examples of  
the grammar topic of this lesson in it.  
Write them down.**



Copy parts of the text  
that are examples of  
topic of the lesson.



## Find the verbs

**Find the adjectives in this lesson and write them down.  
Which are new? Do you know all of them?  
Look these words up.**

adjectives

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## Sentences in the first person plural

**Choose five sentences from this lesson.  
Copy them and write them about your home.**



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Examples:

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My living room is more contemporary.

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→ My living room is more traditional.

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My bedroom is brighter.

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→ My kitchen is brighter.

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## Homework answer key

Exercise p. 33: contemporary, more contemporary, traditional, more traditional,  
expensive, more expensive, cheap, cheaper, bright, brighter, dark, darker, messy,  
messier, tidy, tidier, noisy, noisier



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