

He's older (than me) Comparisons 1 (of 4) ★★

Today, we're talking about short ADJECTIVES (one syllable).

1 *older (than), younger (than), taller (than)*:



Sammy is tall for his age, but Victor is taller.

Sammy is young, and Victor is older.

Victor is taller than Sammy.

Victor is older than Sammy.

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2 the oldest, the tallest:



She's the oldest!

Besse Cooper was declared the oldest person in the world in 2011.

(She was 116 when she died in 2012)



It's the tallest!

The Eiffel Tower is the tallest building in Paris.

Spelling: *big(ger), big(gest)*, also *fat, thin ...* See **articles** below on double consonants.

Big, small, young, old, tall, short, quick, fast, slow, fat, thin are all short ADJECTIVES - with one SYLLABLE.

Quick check

Complete each sentence with one of these words, plus **-er** or **-est** and **than if necessary**:

big fast old small young

- 1 The Taj Mahal is old, but the Pyramids at Gaza are much _____.
- 2 Usain Bolt is the _____ man on the planet (100m in 9.63 seconds).
- 3 France is a lot _____ Belgium; Belgium is a small country.
- 4 Pete, who is 17, is the _____ of the boys; his brothers are 18, 20 and 21.
- 5 You can fit a terabyte of memory into a _____ space _____ you could 5 years ago.