

## **a bigger house: Comparisons with nouns 2** ★★★★★

We can say: 'the house was **larger than** my old one'  
or: 'It was **a larger house than** my old one.'  
(a + comparative adjective + noun + **than**)

### **1 A larger house (than)**



**He is a stronger man than I thought!**

(singular, with 'a')

He is stronger...

He has more muscles...

More examples:

*They have longer school holidays in Italy than in the UK* (plural, no article)

*"We should expect warmer weather soon."* (UNCOUNTABLE, no article)

*Sam has a bigger car...*

*"You're a better man than I am..."* (Rudyard Kipling)

### **2 A more exciting holiday (than)**



**This is a more comfortable bed than the one I slept in last night.**

More examples:

*"You couldn't meet a more interesting man!"*

*We suffered more unexpected delays than we had bargained for.*

*"In the UK, you get more unpredictable weather..."*

For comparisons with adjectives, see GB 140-144

For comparisons with *more / most* and a noun, see GB 145

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#### **Quick check**

**Fill the gap(s) in each sentence with a, or – (nothing):**

- 1 "She's \_\_\_\_\_ nicer girl than her sister!"
- 2 We've had \_\_\_\_\_ better weather this week.
- 3 This is \_\_\_\_\_ more attractive place to sit.
- 4 We're getting \_\_\_\_\_ more frequent delays on the service now.
- 5 We're moving to \_\_\_\_\_ bigger house next month.