

More than, more and more and two irregular comparisons ★★★

We sometimes use **more** without an adjective or a noun:

*He works **more than** I do.*

*He's been working **more and more**.*

1 More (than)



'She cannot be more than twelve years old.'

More examples:

*Don't say **more than** you have to.*

*Most people in Britain eat far **more than** they need*

*He had slept **more than** two hours.*

2 More and more



In the square, more and more food stalls are opening.

More examples:

*He got **more and more** excited every moment and concentrated **less and less** on what he was doing.*

*BTI is concentrating **more and more** on multinational customers.*

*All the time Cliff became **more and more** unwell.*

3 Irregular forms: good and bad

Good, better, best

Bad worse, worst

Examples

*Your work was **better than** I expected; well done!*

*We did our **best** in weather that got **worse** (and worse) the longer we stayed.*

*It shows modern government at its **best** and at its **worst**.*

Quick check

Fill the gap(s) in each sentence with *more, better, best, worse, or worst*:

1 "This film is so bad, it's the _____ film I have ever seen!"

2 As the day went on, we got _____ and _____ hungry.

3 "You did well, and next time you will do even _____."

4 We were hoping for some sunshine, but the weather got steadily _____.

5 "My old car was worth _____ than I thought!"

