

MAKING COMPARISONS

	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Comparative</i>
1. All comparative forms end in <i>-er</i> .	schnell	schneller
2. Most one-syllable forms have an <i>umlaut</i> .	alt	älter
3. Exceptions must be learned as they appear.	dunkel gut	dunkler besser

<i>Equal Comparisons:</i>	Er spielt so gut wie ich (spiele). <i>He plays as well as I (do).</i>
<i>Unequal Comparisons:</i>	Sie spielt besser als ich (spiele). <i>She plays better than I (do).</i>
<i>Comparative adjectives before nouns:</i>	der bessere Wagen ein schöneres Auto

NOTE: Comparative adjectives before nouns have the same endings as descriptive adjectives (see page 357).