

Watch out for common Turkish speakers' mistakes in English!

Turkish learners often use *more* to form comparatives when they should use *-er*.

Get it right! Use:

- *-er* for adjectives with one syllable or two syllables when they end in *-y*.
WRONG *They're more funny than the other programmes.*
CORRECT *They're **funnier** than the other programmes.*
- *more* for most adjectives with two syllables and all adjectives with more than two syllables:
WRONG *History is interestinger than maths.*
CORRECT *History is **more interesting** than maths.*

Turkish learners sometimes use both *more* and *-er*.

Get it right! Use:

- *-er* or *more* but not both together.
WRONG *Life is more easier than before.*
CORRECT *Life is **easier** than before.*

Turkish learners sometimes forget to use the comparative form.

Get it right! Use:

- *-er* or *more* to compare two things or people.
WRONG *Bora is young than his brother.*
CORRECT *Bora is **younger** than his brother.*

Turkish learners sometimes make spelling mistakes with common adjectives.

Get it right! Use:

- the correct spelling:
WRONG *beatiful, helthy, impertant, intresting*
CORRECT *beautiful, healthy, important, interesting*

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1 ★ Circle the correct words.

- 1 I was luckier / more lucky than my friend.
- 2 My town is *beautifuler* / more beautiful than this town.
- 3 Selim is *young* / younger than his brother.
- 4 Hatice's house is *bigger* / more bigger than Gizem's house.
- 5 Istanbul is *large* / larger than İzmir.
- 6 My sister is *healthier* / more healthy than me.

2 ★ Tick (✓) if the sentences are correct or incorrect.

	Correct	Incorrect
1 Ahmet is taller than Ali.	☒	☐
2 The pizza was more tasty than the burgers.	☐	☐
3 My life is more easier now.	☐	☐
4 Merve is pretty than her sister.	☐	☐
5 Love is more important than money.	☐	☐
6 The children are more happier at home.	☐	☐

3 ★★ Complete the text with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Fatma's family have a new house. Fatma has a
 1 bigger (big) bedroom now. She thinks her room is 2 _____ (good) than her brother's room. The new house is
 3 _____ (modern) than the old house. Her father is happy because it is 4 _____ (close) to his work and he can come home
 5 _____ (early). The garden is also
 6 _____ (beautiful) than the garden at their old house.

4 ★★ Correct the underlined mistake in each sentence.

- 1 Zeynep's hair is more curlier than Ayse's hair.
Zaynep's hair is curlier than Ayse's hair.
- 2 Deniz is intelligent than his brother.

- 3 My dog is more fat than your dog.

- 4 The oranges are expensive than the apples.

- 5 The new history teacher is more intresting.

- 6 Sema is healthyer than me.

5 ★★★ Complete the sentences with your own ideas. Do not use the same adjective more than once.

- 1 Turkey is bigger than the UK.
- 2 Tigers are _____ than elephants.
- 3 Fruit is _____ than chocolate.
- 4 Football is _____ than tennis.
- 5 English is _____ than Turkish.
- 6 I am _____ than my best friend.

6 ★★★ Write a paragraph comparing members of your family. Use at least three comparative adjectives.

