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• Adjectives with two or more syllables: add 'more' + 'than'		
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expensive	more expensive than	"This restaurant is more expensive than that restaurant."

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happy	happier than	"John looks happier than David."

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