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English

Student's transition material

Stage 2 (2nd edition) – Stage 3 (3rd edition)

Another contraction of the verb "to be"

I'm	not	I'm	not
you	aren't	you're	not
he	isn't	he's	not
she	isn't	she's	not
it	isn't	it's	not
we	aren't	we're	not
you	aren't	you're	not
they	aren't	they're	not

Instead of "I'm not", "you aren't", "he isn't" etc., we can use "I'm not", "you're not", "he's not" etc.

What can we use instead of "I'm not", "you aren't", "he isn't" etc.?

Instead of "I'm not", "you aren't", "he isn't" etc., we can use "I'm not", "you're not", "he's not", "she's not", "it's not", "we're not", "you're not", "they're not".

cheaper ... than

more expensive ... than

taxi

Are your socks more expensive than your shoes?

No, my socks aren't more expensive than my shoes; they're cheaper than my shoes.

Is your town a more expensive place than ...?

No, my town isn't a more expensive place than ...; it's a cheaper place than ...

Is it cheaper for you to go home from here by taxi than by bus?

No, it isn't cheaper for me to go home from here by taxi than by bus; it's more expensive.

the cheapest

the most expensive

Is the ... the most expensive car in this country?

No, the ... isn't the most expensive car in this country; it's the cheapest car in this country.

What's the cheapest thing in this room?

... is the cheapest thing in this room.

What's the most expensive thing you're wearing?

My ... is/are the most expensive thing(s) I'm wearing.

syllable

comparative

superlative

When an adjective has one syllable, like "cheap", we make the comparative by adding the letters "er", and we say "cheaper than". We make the superlative by adding the letters "est", and we say "the cheapest".

When an adjective has three syllables, like "expensive", we do not add "er"; instead, we make the comparative by using the word "more", and we say "more expensive than". For the superlative, we do not add "est"; instead, we use the word "most", and we say "the most expensive".

What's the comparative of "long"?

The comparative of "long" is "longer than".

What's the comparative of "beautiful"?

The comparative of "beautiful" is "more beautiful than".

What's the superlative of "small"?

The superlative of "small" is "the smallest".

What's the superlative of "expensive"?

The superlative of "expensive" is "the most expensive".

Why do we say "cheaper than" but not "expensiver than"?

We say "cheaper than", but not "expensiver than", because the adjective "cheap" has only one syllable, whereas the adjective "expensive" has three syllables.

longer ... than

shorter ... than

Is the table longer than the room?

No, the table isn't longer than the room; it's shorter than the room.

higher ... than

lower ... than

Is the table higher than the door?

No, the table isn't higher than the door; it's lower than the door.

larger ... than

smaller ... than

Is a village larger than a city?

No, a village isn't larger than a city; it's smaller than a city.

the longest

street

river

Nile

world

Which is the longest street in this town?

... is the longest street in this town.

Which is the longest river in the world?

The Nile's the longest river in the world.

the highest

mountain

Everest

Mount

Mt

Which is the highest mountain in the world?

Mt Everest is the highest mountain in the world.

the largest

Tokyo

Which is the largest city in Japan?

Tokyo's the largest city in Japan.