Self-Study Tips- Comparative Adjectives Practice

Ask your partner’s advice about improving your English in one of the ways below:

**Reading**
- Easier reading comprehension
- Understanding more difficult texts

**Listening**
- Understanding stronger accents
- Understanding faster speech

**Speaking**
- More fluent speaking
- More accurate speaking
- Better pronunciation
- More extreme intonation
- More confident speaking
- Shorter pauses/ Faster responses
- Speaking for longer

**Writing**
- More accurate writing
- Quicker writing
- More formal writing
- More informal writing/ Friendlier writing

**Language**
- Wider vocabulary
- Better grammar
- More complex language/ Higher level language

**Others**
- Better knowledge of cultural differences
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Without looking above, fill the gaps below with the comparative (more +… or … +er) forms.

Reading
- _____________________________(easy) reading comprehension
- Understanding ____________________________ (difficult) texts

Listening
- Understanding __________________________ (strong) accents
- Understanding __________________________ (fast) speech

Speaking
- _____________________________(fluent) speaking
- _____________________________(accurate) speaking
- _____________________________(good) pronunciation
- _____________________________(extreme) intonation
- _____________________________(confident) speaking
- _____________________________(short) pauses
- Speaking for __________________________ (long)

Writing
- _____________________________(quick) writing
- _____________________________(formal) writing
- _____________________________(informal) writing
- _____________________________(friendly) writing

Language
- _____________________________(wide) vocabulary
- _____________________________(complex) language
- _____________________________(high) level language

What are the general rules for which ones take “more” and which ones take “er”? Use that to check your answers above.

Check your answers on the previous page.
Use similar language to describe how some of these things could be useful in improving your English:
- Graded readers
- Reading children’s books
- Skype lessons
- Writing a diary in English
- Online chat
- Arranging an English conversation club
- Conversation exchange
- English language learning software/ apps
- Comics
- Children’s TV
- Children’s movies
- Watching the same film or TV episode several times
- Watching English-language movies or TV with English subtitles
- Voice of America (VoA) Simple English news
- Local English-language newspapers
- Local English-language TV, e.g. news
- Internet news sites
- Using a lower level English-English dictionary, e.g. an Elementary learner’s dictionary or Intermediate learner’s dictionary

Ask your teacher about any of the topics in this lesson which you aren’t sure about.