

**comparative**1. [kəm'pærətɪv] *n*

сравнительная степень

2. [kəm'pærətɪv] *a*

## 1. сравнительный

comparative method of investigation - сравнительный метод исследования

comparative linguistics - сравнительно-историческое языкознание

comparative grammar of Indo-European languages - сравнительная грамматика индоевропейских языков

comparative anatomy - сравнительная анатомия

## 2. относительный

to live in comparative comfort - жить в относительном комфорте

with comparative ease - с относительной лёгкостью; довольно легко

3. *грам.* сравнительныйcomparative degree - сравнительная степень (*имени прилагательного или наречия*)**comparative**

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**com-par-a-tive** [comparative comparatives] adjective, noun *BrE* [kəm'pærətɪv]*NAmE* [kəm'pærətɪv]

## adjective

## 1. connected with studying things to find out how similar or different they are

• a comparative study of the educational systems of two countries

• comparative linguistics

## 2. measured or judged by how similar or different it is to sth else

**Syn:** ↑relative

• Then he was living in comparative comfort (= compared with others or with his own life at a previous time) .

• The company is a comparative newcomer to the software market (= other companies have been in business much longer) .

3. (*grammar*) relating to adjectives or adverbs that express more in amount, degree or quality, for example better, worse, slower and more difficult**compare** ↑superlativeWord Origin:late Middle English (in sense 3): from Latin *comparativus*, from *comparare* 'to pair, match', from *compar* 'like, equal', from *com-* 'with' + *par* 'equal' .noun (*grammar*)

the form of an adjective or adverb that expresses more in amount, degree or quality

• 'Better' is the comparative of 'good' and 'more difficult' is the comparative of 'difficult'.

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I. **com-par-a-tive**<sup>1</sup> /kəm'pærətɪv/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> adjective[**Word Family:** noun: ↑comparison, ↑comparability, the comparative; adverb: ↑comparatively, ↑comparably; adjective: ↑comparable ≠ ↑incomparable, ↑comparative; verb: ↑compare]1. **comparative comfort/freedom/wealth etc** comfort, freedom, wealth etc that is quite good when compared to how comfortable, free, or rich etc something or someone else is **SYN relative** :

" After a lifetime of poverty, his last few years were spent in comparative comfort.

" She didn't want to leave the comparative safety of the shelter.2. **comparative study/analysis etc** a study etc that involves comparing something to something else:

" a comparative study of the US and British steel industries

3. **comparative beginner/newcomer etc** someone who is not really a beginner etc, but who seems to be one when compared to other people who have lived or worked somewhere for a long time:

" After living here five years, we're still considered comparative newcomers.

4. **comparative figures/data** comparative figures etc are similar to other figures, so that you can make a comparison:

" Comparative figures for last year clearly show how sales have declined.

5. **technical** the comparative form of an adjective or adverb shows an increase in size, quality, degree etc when it is considered in relation to something else. For example, 'bigger' is the comparative form of 'big', and 'more slowly' is the comparative form of 'slowly'.⇒ **superlative**II. **comparative**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> noun**the comparative technical** the form of an adjective or adverb that shows an increase in size, degree etc when something is considered in relation to something else. For example, 'bigger' is the comparative of 'big', and 'more slowly' is the comparative of 'slowly'. ⇒ **the superlative**

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