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older	shorter	nicer	prettier	bigger
cheaper	smaller	larger	uglier	
darker	longer		trendier	
newer				

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Three-or-more-syllables-adjective.

#### more + adjective

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<b>more</b> comfortable	<b>more</b> expensive
<b>more</b> colorful	<b>more</b> beautiful
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