**5. Making comparisons Nombre\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

When we make comparisons in English we either add – er to an adjective (fast**er**, smart**er**, bigg**er**, bett**er**) OR, for longer adjectives, we place the word **more** in front of an adjective (more intelligent, more dedicated, more beautiful)

To make a comparison in Spanish we do the following:

**Más ….(adjective)… que more than**

**Menos….(adjective)… que less than**

I am strong**ER** than you. Yo soy **MÁS** fuerte **QUE** tú.

I am **MORE** beautiful than María. Yo soy **MÁS** bonita **QUE** María.

I am prett**ier** than María.

I am **LESS** athletic than you. Yo soy **MENOS** atlético **QUE** tú.

I am **LESS** popular than they are. Yo soy **MENOS** popular **QUE** ellos.

**Translate the following**

The bed is bigger than the night table.

My bedroom is smaller than your bedroom.

Juan is taller than Carlos.

We are less serious than the other students.

You are less popular than I (am).

The DVD player is more modern than the videocassette player.

English is less difficult than Spanish.

Watching TV (to watch TV) is less interesting than reading books (to read books).

Ms. Bardash is nicer than you.

My parents are more hardworking than I (am)

**The adjectives *bueno, malo, viejo* and *joven* and the adverbs *bien* and *mal* have their own comparative forms. We DO NOT use más and menos with these words.**

Bueno (good) **mejor (que)** better (than)

La pizza es **buena.**  The pizza is good.

La pizza es **mejor que** la ensalada. The Pizza is **better than** the salad.

Malo (bad) **peor (que)** worse (than)

La gaseosa es **mala.** Soda is bad.

La gaseosa es **peor que** la leche. Soda is **worse than** milk.

Bien (well) **mejor (que)** better (than)

Yo bailo **bien.** I dance well.

Yo bailo **mejor que** tú. I dance **better than** you.

Mal (bad, badly) **peor (que)** worse (than)

Juan esquía **mal**. Juan skis poorly.

Juan esquía **peor que** Miguel. Juan skis **worse than** Miguel.

Viejo (old) **mayor (que)** older (than)

Mi abuelo es **viejo**. My grandpa is old.

Mi abuelo es **mayor que** mi abuela. My grandpa is **older than** my grandma.

Joven (young) **menor (que)** younger (than)

Yo soy joven I am **young.**

Yo soy **menor que** mis padres. I am **younger than** my parents.

As all other adjectives, **these also have plural forms**

Mejor**es**

Los discos compactos son **mejores que** los videos. The CDs are **better than** the videos.

Peor**es**

Los videos son **peores que** los discos compactos. The videos are **worse than** the CDs.

Mayor**es**

Mis abuelos son **mayores que** mis padres. My grandparents are **older than** my parents.

Menor**es**

Mispadres son **menores que** mis abuelos. My parents are **younger than** my grandparents.