

Since the beginning of the term, Rose and Paul have been sitting at the same desk. They're in ninth grade.

This morning, the teacher missed her train. She'll be arriving half an hour late. In the meantime, the students have to keep themselves busy.



Rose likes to play cards, Paul is writing an essay. In between, they chat about things.

"Hey, Paul, did you know that girls are smarter than boys?", Rose says.

Paul is astonished. "No, I didn't know that."

Smiling, Rose says: "See!"

**term:** semester  
**essay:** composition, text  
**to chat:** to talk  
**smart:** intelligent  
**astonished:** amazed, surprised

## COMPARE:

Short adjectives: add **-er**  
 Long adjectives: use **more**

FIRST	SECOND	ADJECTIVE	SENTENCE
Rose	Paul	smart	<i>Rose is smarter than Paul.</i>
my dog	your rabbit	intelligent	<i>My dog is more intelligent than your rabbit.</i>
Greenland	Iceland	large	
cinema	school	exciting	
a plane	a train	fast	
gold	silver	expensive	
the freezer	the fridge	cold	
an alligator	an iguana	dangerous	
your e-bike	my scooter	fast	
Venus	Neptune	bright	
safety	fun	important	
dollars	rubles	popular	
the Moon	Mars	near	
Brad Pitt	Hansi	famous	
a fox	a wolf	small	
Boston	Pittsburgh	inviting	