

## Fewer or Less?

What do these sentences have in common--besides the word "less"?

- Less than half of our agents have a degree.
- Jerome has less credit cards than I do.
- Su Lin has fewer patience than I do with whiners.
- He has less problems than I do.
- Less than twenty of the cars were damaged.

They're all incorrect. Here's the skinny on these often-confused words:

**Fewer** Use when items can be counted: *fewer letters*

**Less** Use with quantities that cannot be counted: *less nitrogen*

Less is more--more than a meaningless modifier.

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