Many people confuse the words less and fewer. Here’s how you can tell which to use:

If you can count the items use the word fewer.
If the items are not countable, use the word less.

examples:

There are fewer oranges in the bowl, now that you have eaten some.
My glass has less orange juice than yours.

1. There were _______________ rainy days this month than last month.

5. There were _______________ students absent from class today.

6. This bedroom has _______________ space than we need.

7. This tomato plant has _______________ tomatoes than that plant.

8. Nate weighs _______________ than Joey.

9. A small car uses _______________ gasoline than a large one.

10. Since I studied for my spelling test this week, I made _______________ mistakes.
ANSWER KEY

Using the Words Less & Fewer

Many people confuse the words less and fewer. Here’s how you can tell which to use:

If you can count the items use the word fewer.

If the items are not countable, use the word less.

examples:

There are fewer oranges in the bowl, now that you have eaten some.

My glass has less orange juice than yours.

1. There were ______ fewer ______ rainy days this month than last month.

5. There were ______ fewer ______ students absent from class today.

6. This bedroom has ______ less ______ space than we need.

7. This tomato plant has ______ fewer ______ tomatoes than that plant.

8. Nate weighs ______ less ______ than Joey.

9. A small car uses ______ less ______ gasoline than a large one.

10. Since I studied for my spelling test this week, I made ______ fewer ______ mistakes.

Super Teacher Worksheets - www.superteacherworksheets.com