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I have encountered with both usages, but which is the correct one? Thanks in advance. In general, it is preferable to use the -er form with adjectives of one or two syllables. Adjectives that are three syllables or longer require the use of 'more' in the comparative form. (That is, some one can be prettier than I, but she can not be beautifuler -- she must be more beautiful.) Hope that helps Denise Thank you for your quick replies But. Two-syllable adjectives ending in "y", change the "y" to "i" and add "-er": weary > wearier, happy > happier, tidy > tidier Also, those ending in a vowel-sound that is not stressed just add "-er": ample > ampler, yellow > yellower, gentle > gentler Scieur, thank you. Actually I used "cleaner" in my sentence but my boss whose English is not perfect asked whether it should be "more clean" or "cleaner", so I asked for your comments. You all confirmed me, thanks Hi everyone! I'm wondering which verb is the correct with the 'teeth'. I understand that 'Brush my teeth' is the most appropriate to describe the action, but can we also use the Wash or Clean? Thank you! Eli Clean Brush Wash I "brush" and "floss" my teeth; the dental hygienist "cleans" them. Perhaps this is an AE/BE difference? This Google ngram shows the relative frequencies. Google Ngram Viewer It shows that 'brush' is 7 or 8 times more frequent than 'clean', and that 'wash' occurs very infrequently. Hi Eli. Welcome to the forum, I agree with Keith in post #2 for BrE. Google Ngram Viewer As Pobl14 suggests, it does appear to be an AmE/BrE difference. Google Ngram Viewer In addition, I've heard people with false teeth say that they rinse them, as well as saying that they brush or clean them. Here on the official website they used 'to clean teeth' How to keep your teeth clean "But making sure you thoroughly clean your teeth at least twice a day is more important than the type of brush you use. If in doubt, ask your dentist. But some people find it easier to clean their teeth thoroughly with an electric toothbrush. " I'm not sure that I would regard the NHS website as the official website, but in any case, the first sentence of the advice given is Brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day for about 2 minutes to help keep your teeth and mouth healthy. "Keeping something clean" doesn't necessarily imply that the appropriate verb for all methods for accomplishing that goal is "cleaning". You keep your teeth clean by brushing them and by having them cleaned at the dentist. You keep your carpets clean by vacuuming them and by cleaning them with a steam cleaner or shampooer, i.e. using a vacuum is not "cleaning" even though it cleans. 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_