

COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

The dog is **faster** than the elephant.

The horse is **the fastest**.

The horse is **bigger** than the dog.

The elephant is **the heaviest**.

The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.



	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	-ER faster younger	-EST the fastest the youngest
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest
ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	big hot	Double the last consonant and add -ER bigger hotter	-EST the biggest the hottest
TWO syllables Ending in -Y	happy crazy	Remove the -Y and add -IER happier crazier	-IEST the happiest the craziest
TWO or MORE syllables	famous beautiful	MORE + more famous more beautiful	THE MOST + the most famous the most beautiful
Common Exceptions	good bad far	better worse farther/further	the best the worst the farthest / the furthest

- c Look at the table. Write the adjectives from the box in the second column. Then fill in the comparative and superlative forms.

difficult big happy fantastic important

	Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
short adjectives (1 syllable)	long short small	longer shorter	longest
short adjectives ending in 1 vowel + 1 consonant	fat	fatter	fattest
adjectives ending in -y	easy	easier	
longer adjectives (2 or more syllables)	frequent	more frequent	most frequent
irregular adjectives	bad good many	worse better more	

1 Write sentences using comparative adjectives.

1 Joe / short / his brother

2 Riding a bike / easy / driving a car

3 Trains / fast / buses

4 My new phone / bad / my old one

5 Happiness / important / money

6 My exam marks / good / last year

2 Match the words and phrases. Write comparative sentences.

1 Russia	warm	cars
2 a town	heavy	wood
3 summer	fast	fast food
4 snow	healthy	a city
5 planes	cold	France
6 concrete	small	rain
7 salad	big	winter

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3 Complete the sentences with the superlative form of words in the box.

bad easy hard short hot
good tall cold

- Rachel got 77%, Mark got 83%, Tim got 79%.
Rachel got mark.
- I'm only 1.70m and the rest of my family are all over 1.80m. I'm
- I didn't know any of the answers. It was test ever!
- Phew! It's 40 degrees. It's day of the summer.
- We went to Canada and it was covered in snow. It's country I know!
- We won 7-0. It was match of the year.
- I love the food, the people and the weather. This is holiday of my life!
- It's building in the city and the view is fantastic!

4 Match the quiz questions 1–6 with answers a–f.

- What is the longest river in Europe?
 - What is the highest mountain in Africa?
 - Where is the tallest tree in the world?
 - Who is the fastest 100m runner?
 - What is the tallest building in the world?
 - What is the largest animal on earth?
- a Usain Bolt.
b The Volga.
c The Blue Whale.
d Kilimanjaro.
e The Burj Khalifa in Dubai.
f California, USA.