

UNIT 5
GRAMMAR

ENGLISH
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COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

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EXPRESSION

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 late	-R nicer later	-ST the nicest the latest
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	better worse	the best the worst



Using **as + adjective + as**

As + adjective + as is used compare people, places, events or things, when there is no difference. It is used to compare things that are of similar proportion.

Example Sentences;

Samuel is **as intelligent as** Mark.

My father just **as handsome as** his son.

My hair is not quite **as fair as** my sister's hair.

The weather this winter is **as bad as** last year.

He is **as tall as** his sister.

Mark is **as optimistic as** Samuel.

1. Complete the table as in the example.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	<i>better</i>	<i>best</i>
near	_____	_____
wet	_____	_____
easy	_____	_____
far	_____	_____
dangerous	_____	_____

Grammar: a little bit / much

- Quantifiers *a little bit* and *much* come between the verb *be* and the comparative adjective: *He's much older than his sister. She's a little bit taller than her sister.* They help by giving more information about the differences between two things or people.

2. Complete the table with the adjectives in the box.

bad famous good happy interesting kind lazy lucky nice sad strong
successful thin wet

a	Add <i>er/r</i>	kind — <i>kinder than</i>
b	Double letter + <i>er</i>	sad — <i>sadder than</i>
c	Delete <i>y</i> , add <i>ier</i>	happy — <i>happier than</i>
d	Irregular	bad — <i>worse than</i>
e	more + adjective	famous — <i>more famous than</i>

3. Test your general knowledge! Use the adjective in parentheses with *a little bit / much / not as ... as* to make true comparisons.

- London (wet) _____ Rome. *London is not as wet as Rome.*
- Hawaii (big) _____ Cuba.
- The Mall of America (small) _____ the Dubai Mall.
- Heathrow Airport in London (busy) _____ Los Angeles International Airport.
- Big Ben (tall) _____ the Statue of Liberty.

4. Write sentences comparing the places. Use *a little bit* or *much* and the comparative form of the adjective.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| a France / big / Spain
<i>France is a little bit bigger than Spain.</i> | d Tokyo / expensive / Bangkok |
| b India / hot / Canada | e Rome / far north / Barcelona |
| c The Nile River / long / the Amazon | f Manila / crowded / Helsinki |

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

5. Rewrite the sentences using not as ... as so they have the same meaning.

a. Spain isn't as big as France.

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

3. Complete the sentences.

a Skiing is more dangerous than basketball.

Basketball isn't as dangerous as skiing.

b Tennis is more interesting than judo.

Judo isn't _____.

c Men aren't as good as women at ball games.

Women are _____.

d Running is better for you than swimming.

Swimming is not _____.

e The rules of volleyball are not as easy to understand as the rules of basketball.

The rules of basketball are _____.

f Watching a sport is more exciting than playing it.

Playing a sport is not _____.

g Being in shape is not as important for older people as it is for younger people.

Being in shape is _____.

Write out the superlative forms for the following groups of adjectives.

Adjectives	Superlative forms
a old / rich / exciting / great	<i>the oldest / the richest / the ...</i>
b valuable / big / hot / thin	
c funny / interesting / sexy / happy	
d bad / far / good / talented	

Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in the box.

big	crowded	expensive
fast	heavy	hot
noisy	wet	

- a The heaviest animal is the blue whale, which weighs about twenty-six tons.
- b _____ island in the world is Greenland (2 million km²).
- c _____ country in the world is Monaco, with more than 16,000 people per square kilometer.
- d With 12 meters of rain every year, Kauai Island in Hawaii is _____ place in the world.
- e _____ planet is Venus, with a temperature of about 460°C.
- f Oslo, where most things cost more than Paris or London, is _____ city in Europe.
- g Howler monkeys are _____ animals in the world: you can hear their cries from five kilometers away.
- h After doing 50 meters in under 21 seconds, César Cielo became _____ swimmer in the world.

Listen and complete (from workbook)

The _____ age for a man's health is from 50 to 60. _____ is very _____, but not _____ important _____ a healthy diet. A bad diet is _____ reason for health _____. _____ are _____ fast food, for example. People with _____ jobs have a _____ life people who have no stress. They should try to relax. They should exercise _____ than once a week. A hard, sweaty sport is not _____ good for your health _____ regular, _____ exercise.