

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

Adjective form	Comparative	Superlative
Only one syllable, ending in E . wide, fine	Add -r : wider, finer	Add -st : widest, finest
Only one syllable, with one vowel and one consonant at the end: hot, big	Double the consonant, and add -er : hotter, bigger	Double the consonant, and add -est : hottest, biggest
Only one syllable, with more than one vowel or more than one consonant at the end: light, fast	Add -er : lighter, faster	Add -est : lightest, fastest
Two syllables, ending in Y . happy, lonely	Change y to i , then add -er : happier, lonelier	Change y to i , then add -est : happiest, loneliest
Two syllables or more, not ending in Y . modern, interesting, beautiful	Use " more " before the adjective: more modern, more interesting, more beautiful	Use " most " before the adjective: most modern, most interesting, most beautiful

1 Fill in the missing forms of the degrees of comparisons:

1. high	.....	.....
2.	smaller	.....
3. ....	.....	the largest
4. heavy	.....	.....
5.	newer	.....
6. ....	.....	the most interesting
7. beautiful	.....	.....
8.	more difficult	.....
9. creative	.....	.....
10. ....	.....	the most careful
11. bad	.....	.....
12. ....	.....	the most
13.	better	.....
14. little	.....	.....

2 Fill in the blanks with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in the box.

sad	boring	big	warm	hot	kind
bad	cheap	big	expensive	young	busy

- The elephant is land animal in the world.
- I don't like my job. It is job one could ever have.
- April is January.
- It was a sad story. It was story I have ever heard.
- My mobile is yours.
- My father is always busy. He is person I know.
- The film was really bad. It was Film I have ever seen.
- Phil is a very kind boy. I think he is boy I have ever met.
- New York is one of cities in the world.
- Tom is two years Paul.
- What is the temperature today? 45°C It is day of the year.
- Your car is mine.

3 Match the sentences with the comparative or superlative of the adjectives in the box.

THE MOST EXPENSIVE	HAPPIER	THE SHORTEST	MORE EXPENSIVE	MORE OBEDIENT THAN
HOTTER	FASTER	CLEVERER	THE PRETTIEST	TALLER
MORE COMFORTABLE	MORE HANDSOME	BETTER	FARTHER	WORSE THAN
OLDER	DIRTIER THAN	MORE EXTROVERT	FATTER THAN	THE SADDEST

1. Sue is much her sister.
2. Our cat is in the neighbourhood.
3. Those jeans arein the shop.
4. Mark is not very good at tennis, but George is him.
5. Alan is of all my friends.
6. After breaking up with his girlfriend he feels man in the world.
7. This armchair is not very comfortable. Mine is much than this.
8. Now his suit is much it was before.
9. Your brother is much you. You never obey me.
10. Paul is than his sister.
11. Laura is than Lisa.
12. My friends are than me.
13. I am today than I was yesterday.
14. Laura is at maths than me.
15. Martin is much than his father.
16. This car is than yours.
17. This dress is than the one we saw yesterday.
18. Mark lives from the school than me.
19. Thomas is much than his wife.
20. It is today than it was yesterday.

5 Correct the mistakes:

- 1 I have the heavier bag.
2 Tom is best in our group.
3 Helen is thin than Pam.
4 Mona is happiest than Liz.
5 Tony is the oldest than Pete.
6 This apple is the sweeter.
7 Your watch is cheapest than mine.
8 The tree is the older in the street.
9 My house is the most expensive than yours.
10 This animal is most dangerous in the zoo.
11 Sam gets up the earliest than Bill.
12 This building is the modern in this town.
13 February is the colder month of the year.
14 May is the warmest than March.
15 Bill is the fastest than Nick.
16 This test is the more difficult.