

COMPARE AND DESCRIBE



1. COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

When describing and comparing animals, people and things, we use comparative adjectives.

• LONG ADJECTIVES

more + adjective + than ...

The whale **is more dangerous than** the lizard / María **is more intelligent than** David

ADD " <u>MORE</u> " BEFORE LONG ADJECTIVES	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
boring _____	(boring): My book is _____ your book.
famous _____	(famous): "Avatar" is _____ "Shrek"
intelligent _____	(intelligent): Dogs are _____ lizards.

• SHORT ADJECTIVES David **is taller than** María

adjective + er + than ...

ADD <u>-ER</u> TO SHORT ADJECTIVES	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
clean ➡ <u>cleaner</u>	(clean): My room is _____ your room
cold ➡ _____	(cold): The North Pole is _____ Tenerife
short ➡ _____	(short): I am _____ my brother

CHANGE THE " <u>Y</u> " TO " <u>I</u> " AND ADD <u>-ER</u> IN ADJECTIVES ENDING IN <u>Y</u>	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
funny ➡ <u>funnier</u>	(funny): "Shrek" is _____ "Avatar".
heavy ➡ _____	(heavy): Whales are _____ dolphins.
pretty ➡ _____	(pretty): Your shirt is _____ my shirt.

DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT IN SOME WORDS + <u>ER</u>	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
hot ➡ <u>hotter</u>	(hot): Tenerife is _____ the North Pole
big ➡ _____	(big): Dolphins are _____ cats
sad ➡ _____	(sadder): "Titanic" is _____ "Shrek".

2. SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

When comparing animals, people and things, we can also compare more than 2 things:

- LONG ADJECTIVES**

the most + adjective + ...

The monkey is the **most intelligent** animal / My book is the **most interesting** book in the class

ADD "THE MOST" BEFORE LONG ADJECTIVES

dangerous	➡ the <u>most dangerous</u>	(dangerous): Whales are _____ mammals
expensive	➡ _____	(expensive): This watch is _____ in the shop
popular	➡ _____	(popular): "Avatar" is _____ film ever

- SHORT ADJECTIVES** Laura is **the tallest** student in the class

adjective + (est) ...

ADD -EST TO SHORT ADJECTIVES

old	➡ the <u>oldest</u>	(old): The _____ whale in the zoo is 20 years old
small	➡ _____	(small): Insects are _____ animals
tall	➡ _____	(tall): David is _____ boy in the basketball team

CHANGE THE "Y" TO "I" AND ADD -EST IN ADJECTIVES ENDING IN Y

easy	➡ the <u>easiest</u>	(easy): The _____ subject this year is Biology
lazy	➡ _____	(lazy): Maria is _____ student in the class
happy	➡ _____	(happy): Dolphins are _____ animals in the ocean

DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT AND ADD -EST

big	➡ the <u>biggest</u>	(big): Whales are _____ animals on Earth
sad	➡ _____	(sad): "Titanic" is _____ film ever!
hot	➡ _____	(hot): Today is _____ day of the year

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

GOOD = **THE BEST** (la/el mejor)

Real Madrid FC and Barcelona FC are **the best** football teams in Spain.

"Avatar" is **the best** film ever!

BAD = **THE WORST** (el/la peor)

My basketball team is **the worst** team in Tenerife.

I am **the worst** football player in my class.

3. EQUAL ADJECTIVES

When can also describe animals, people or things that are or are not equal:

The cat is **as tall as** the dog / Dolphins are **not as huge as** whales

... as + adjective + as ...

(El gato es tan alto como el perro) / Los delfines no son tan enormes como las ballenas)

ADD "AS" + ADJECTIVE + "AS" ...

clean	→ as clean as	(clean): My rooms is _____ the living room
cold	→ _____	(cold): Finland is _____ Norway
dangerous	→ _____	(dangerous): Tigers are _____ lions
(not dangerous): is/are not as dangerous as:		Frogs are _____ as snakes.

EXERCISES

1. Choose the correct comparative form:

- 1 - Elephants are _____ than lizards. a) smaller b) bigger c) more small
- 2 - A giraffe is _____ than a dog. a) shorter b) more intelligent c) taller
- 3 - A snake is _____ than a turtle. a) smaller b) more dangerous c) slower
- 4 - A dolphin is _____ than a crab. a) faster b) smaller c) more fast
- 5 - Sara is _____ than her sister. (short) a) more short b) shorter c) shortest
- 6 - Martín is _____ than his best friend. (funny) a) funniest b) funnier c) more funny
- 7 - A dog is _____ than a lion. (domesticated) a) more domesticated b) the most domesticated
- 8 - Whales are _____ animal in the world. (heavy) a) the heaviest b) heavier c) more heavy
- 9 - Andrea is _____ student in the class. (tall) a) the more tall b) the tallest c) the most tall
- 10 - I am the _____ football player in my team. (bad) a) the worst b) the most bad
- 11 - "Star Wars" is _____ film ever! (good) a) the more good b) the best
- 12 - I am as _____ as my sister. (tall) a) more tall b) tall
- 13 - Dogs are _____ as whales. (not dangerous) a) not as dangerous b) as dangerous

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the comparatives:

- 1- The pink dress is _____ the blue dress. (pretty)
- 2- The new house is _____ the old house. (big)
- 3- I think this restaurant is _____ the others. (cheap)
- 4- Lions are _____ lizards. (dangerous)
- 5- The monkey is _____ the bat. (intelligent)
- 6 - My sister is _____ than me. (lazy)
- 7- My book is _____ your book. (interesting)
- 8- The whale is _____ animal living on our planet (heavy)
- 9 - My friend is _____ player in his football team. (fast)
- 10- Biology is _____ subject this school year. (interesting)
- 11 - Dogs are _____ animals on Earth. (domesticated)
- 12 - "Frozen" is _____ film ever! (good)
- 13 - My brother is _____ videogame player ever! (bad)
- 14 - A cat is _____ **as** a dog. (intelligent)
- 15- My sister is not _____ **as** me. (not tall)

RIDDLES: GUESS THE ANIMAL!

1. I AM BIGGER THAN A CAT, BUT SMALLER THAN A WHALE. I HAVE TWO BIG EARS AND A LONG BODY. WHAT AM I? _____
2. I AM FASTER THAN A TURTLE, BUT SLOWER THAN A LIZARD. I HAVE A HARD SHELL AND LIVE NEAR THE SEASHORE. WHAT AM I? _____
3. I AM FASTER THAN A LIZARD BUT SLOWER THAN A RABBIT. I AM AS DOMESTICATED AS A CAT. WHAT AM I? _____
4. I AM BIGGER THAN A FISH AND NOT AS DANGEROUS AS A KILLER-WHALE. MY BODY IS GREY. WHAT AM I? _____
5. I AM AS BIG AS A BAT. I AM NORMALLY WHITE OR GREY, AND I CAN ALSO FLY. WHAT AM I? _____
6. I AM SLOWER THAN A CRAB, BUT BIGGER THAN IT. I CARRY MY HOME ALWAYS WITH ME. WHAT AM I? _____