



A2.1 COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE ADVERBS

- ❖ Comparative adverbs compare the action (verb) of two people or things.

Example: Sam ran faster than John.
compares the action (ran) of Sam and John.

Superlative adverbs compare the action (verb) of a group larger than two.

Example: Susan sang loudest in the choir.

- ❖ For the adverbs that end in *-ly*:

Comparative form: add *more* as in
more sweetly

Superlative: add *most* as in most sweetly.

- ❖ Short adverbs:
hard, fast, early, late

Comparative: use *-er* ending, as in *later*

Superlative: use *-est* ending as in *latest*

Change words ending in *y* to *i*, as in
earlier, earliest.

- ❖ Special adverbs: Well, badly

Comparative: use *better, worse*

Superlative: use *best, worst*

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the adverb that is in parentheses.

1. Our father arrived home later than the rest of the family. (late)

2. My sister sang _____ than Amanda did. (beautifully)

3. Your husband, Ken, writes _____ of all. (well)

4. Mrs. Henderson speaks _____ than Mrs. Alarcon.
(clearly)

5. Mother prepares turkey _____ than Father does. (well)

6. Alexander and Peter work _____ of all the boys. (hard)

7. He checked his answers _____ than she did. (carefully)

8. Angelica speaks Spanish _____ of all the students.
(correctly)

9. Percy talks _____ than Jennifer. (frequently)

10. She danced _____ of all. (gracefully)

11. This math test was _____ than the last one. (hard)

12. I did my homework _____ than my brother. (fast)

13. You need to check your work a little _____ (careful) for spelling mistakes.

14. Sorry, can you speak a bit _____ (slow), please?

15. If you want to pass this exam, you'll have to study much _____ (hard).

16. Julie's guests arrived slightly _____ (early) than she expected.

17. You can contact me _____ (easy) by email. Here's my address.

18. I will go and buy the train tickets. I live _____ (near) to the station.

19. Nowadays I _____ (often) buy books online. It is cheaper.

20. In the chemistry exam, Kate did _____ (bad) of all the students. She only got 34 per cent.