Comparatives and Superlatives

5th Grade

Remember!

- **Comparative:** we compare two things.
  - taller than
  - wider than
- **Superlative:** we compare three or more things.
  - the tallest
  - the widest

Grandfather Tree (Chile)	
Age:	3,649 years
Width:	4 m
Height:	60 m



General Sherman (USA)	
Age:	2,200 years
Width:	11.1 m
Height:	83.8 m



Tule Tree (Mexico)	
Age:	1,500 years
Width:	14.05 m
Height:	35.4 m



Useful vocabulary

- **old:** antiguo
- **young:** joven
- **tall:** alto
- **short:** bajo
- **wide:** ancho
- **narrow:** estrecho
- **big:** grande

1 Look at the trees and complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives.

1. General Sherman is _____ (tall) than Grandfather Tree.
2. Grandfather Tree is _____ (old) than General Sherman.
3. Tule Tree is _____ (wide) than General Sherman.
4. General Sherman is _____ (wide) than Grandfather Tree.
5. Tule Tree is _____ (tall) than a house.

2 Complete with the superlative form.

1. General Sherman is _____ (tall) tree.
2. Grandfather Tree is _____ (old) tree.
3. Tule Tree is _____ (wide) tree.
4. Tule Tree is _____ (short) of the three.
5. General Sherman is _____ (big) tree.

3 Choose the correct option.

1. General Sherman is **(taller / the tallest)** than Tule Tree.
2. The Grandfather Tree is **(the oldest / older)** tree.
3. The Tule Tree is **(wider / the widest)** of the three.
4. The Grandfather Tree is **(shorter / the shortest)** than General Sherman.
5. General Sherman is **(the tallest / taller)** tree in the table.

4 Read and write True (T) or False (F).

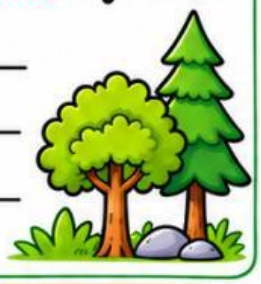
1. The Grandfather Tree is the oldest tree. ☐
2. The Tule Tree is taller than the Grandfather Tree. ☐
3. General Sherman is the tallest tree. ☐
4. The Tule Tree is the widest tree. ☐
5. General Sherman is older than the Tule Tree. ☐

5 Complete the chart.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
old	older	_____
tall	_____	the tallest
wide	_____	_____
big	bigger	_____
short	_____	the shortest

6 Write three sentences comparing the trees using comparative or superlative adjectives.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



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