

## COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

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 strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest
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
	far	farther/further	the farthest / the furthest

c) Look at the table. Write the adjectives from the box in the second column. Then fill in the comparative and superlative forms.

difficult big happy fantastic important

	Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
short adjectives (1 syllable)	long short small	longer shorter	longest
short adjectives ending in 1 vowel + 1 consonant	fat	fatter	fattest
adjectives ending in -y	easy	easier	most easiest
longer adjectives (2 or more syllables)	frequent	more frequent	most frequent
irregular adjectives	bad good many	worse better more	most bad

**1**

Write sentences using comparative adjectives.

1 Joe / short / his brother

2 Riding a bike / easy / driving a car

3 Trains / fast / buses

4 My new phone / bad / my old one

5 Happiness / important / money

6 My exam marks / good / last year

**2**

Match the words and phrases. Write comparative sentences.

1 Russia

warm

cars

2 a town

heavy

wood

3 summer

fast

fast food

4 snow

healthy

a city

5 planes

cold

France

6 concrete

small

rain

7 salad

big

winter

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

**3**

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

bad easy hard short hot  
good tall cold

1 Rachel got 77%, Mark got 83%, Tim got 79%.  
Rachel got ..... mark.

2 I'm only 1.70m and the rest of my family are all  
over 1.80m. I'm .....

3 I didn't know any of the answers. It was  
test ever!

4 Phew! It's 40 degrees. It's .....  
day of the summer.

5 We went to Canada and it was covered in  
snow. It's ..... country I know!

6 We won 7-0. It was ..... match  
of the year.

7 I love the food, the people and the weather.  
This is ..... holiday of my life!

8 It's ..... building in the city and  
the view is fantastic!

**4**

Match the quiz questions 1–6 with answers  
a–f.

1 What is the longest river in Europe? .....

2 What is the highest mountain in Africa? .....

3 Where is the tallest tree in the world? .....

4 Who is the fastest 100m runner? .....

5 What is the tallest building in the world? .....

6 What is the largest animal on earth? .....

a Usain Bolt.

b The Volga.

c The Blue Whale.

d Kilimanjaro.

e The Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

f California, USA.