



MODIFYING COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

We can modify or qualify comparatives and superlatives in various ways:

This hotel is	much	cheaper than	that one.
	far		the one a year ago.
	a little		I thought it was.
	even		
	a bit		
	a lot		
	slightly		

This meal is	much	the best	I have had.
	by far		I have ever tasted.
	quite		I have eaten this week.
	almost		
	practically		
	nearly		
	easily		

1. Cordoba is (**by far** / **slightly**) hotter than Seville in the summer.
2. The film was (**much** / **many**) better than we expected.
3. That restaurant is (**by far** / **much more**) the best in town.
4. It was (**by far** / **much**) the nicest of all the hotels we stayed at.
5. She's (**easily** / **even**) the prettiest of the three children.
6. That was (**easily** / **a little**) the best fish I've had for ages.
7. I'm (**nearly** / **far**) the oldest in my class.
8. The French wine is (**far** / **quite**) more expensive than the South African one.

9. The play was (**much** / **nearly**) better than I'd expected.
10. He's driving (**a lot** / **easily**) more carefully since he got points on his license.
11. She earns (**much** / **many**) more money than I do.
12. Women today have (**many** / **much**) more opportunities than they used to.
13. She's (**a little** / **nearly**) better than she was yesterday.
14. The later train is (**slightly** / **almost**) cheaper than the earlier one.
15. Could you two talk (**a bit** / **by far**) more quietly, please?