

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

ENGLISH GRAMMAR **COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES** **Woodward ENGLISH**

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 late	-R nicer later	-ST the nicest the latest
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

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1st) Are these comparative and superlative sentences Correct or Wrong? If it's not correct. Correct it.

1. Much less water flooded into the house than I expected.

Correct

Wrong

2. There are less people here than promised to come.

Correct

Wrong

3. Tennis is a far harder game than football.

Correct

Wrong

4. The more you protest, more guilty you look!

Correct

Wrong

2nd) Choose the correct answer.

1. It's becoming _____ (hard) to secure a good job nowadays.

2. My sister is probably _____ (more) important person in my life.

3. We find that we have _____ (less) time to relax now that we have children.

4. Out of the two of them, she was _____ (far and away) the better singer.

5. This house is twice as big as the other one we saw.

Correct

Wrong

6. Your dog is so friendlier than my one.

Correct

Wrong

7. That company is considerably richest than that one.

Correct

Wrong

8. That's by far the largest dam I've ever seen.

Correct

Wrong

5. The _____ (bad) thing by far about being unemployed is having no money.
6. Tom and Margot are _____ (easy) the best students in my class.
7. My exam results are only _____ (bad) than yours.
8. The slower you work, the _____ (long) the job will take you to finish.

3rd) Choose the correct answer in the following sentences.

- 1 I think she is still ill. She looks even _____ (bad) than last week.
- 2 His results are not _____ (good) his colleague's.
- 3 Which of the three supermarkets do you think has _____ (wide) range of products?
- 4 He has _____ (big) potential than anyone thought.
- 5 It's becoming _____ (hard) to attract new customers. What we need is a new strategy.
- 6 In the last few months, competition has become _____ (tough).
- 7 Things are better organized now – we have _____ (few) problems than before.
- 8 There are more accidents on this road because it's _____ (narrow) than the others.
- 9 I chose this car as my favorite because it's _____ (fast) all the ones I have driven.
- 10 She's a lot _____ (happy) in the new job than she was in the previous one.

4th) Choose the correct option below to complete the sentences.

ever	least	nice as	than	much more
hotter	us	in	as	as much

Hi Suzan,

I'm having a wonderful time in Los Angeles. The weather is 1 _____ and drier 2 _____ in England and Americans are friendlier than 3 _____. The food is better here; it's not the same 4 _____ the food in England at all! From all the countries I've been to, I think English food is the 5 _____ pleasant. It's awful. Yesterday I had the best hamburger I've 6 _____ eaten!

The hotel is beautiful. I think it's not as 7 _____ the hotel we stayed in New York, but it's 8 _____ comfortable. They say that Los Angeles is one of the most expensive cities 9 _____ the world, but actually I'm not spending 10 _____ money as I thought. I'll phone you when I get back.

Love,

Megan.