



## MODIFYING COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

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

This hotel is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{almost} \\ \text{not quite} \\ \text{twice} \end{array} \right\}$  as cheap as  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{that one.} \\ \text{the one a year ago.} \\ \text{I thought it was.} \end{array} \right\}$

This meal is  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{easily} \\ \text{by far} \\ \text{without doubt} \end{array} \right\}$  the best  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{I have had.} \\ \text{I have ever tasted.} \\ \text{I have eaten this week.} \end{array} \right\}$



Fill in the gaps with the most appropriate word or group of words.

*Example:* (by far/ a lot/so much)

This is by far the best book I've ever read.

1. (easily/mostly/a lot more)

Paul is \_\_\_\_\_ the happiest he has been in a long time.

2. (as such/quite/that much)

This place isn't \_\_\_\_\_ as beautiful as we'd expected it to be.

3. (utterly/most definitely/so much)

Their holiday was \_\_\_\_\_ the best they had ever had.

4. (one of the/easily the/a lot of the)

That woman is \_\_\_\_\_ friendliest people I've ever met.

5. (so little/much/quite)

The exam was not \_\_\_\_\_ as difficult as I expected.

6. (a few more/by little/slightly)

Cordoba is \_\_\_\_\_ hotter than Seville in the summer.

7. (considerably/barely/twice)

Morocco is \_\_\_\_\_ cheaper than I thought.

8. (a lot more/much/many)

The film was \_\_\_\_\_ better than we expected.

9. (by far/anywhere near/nowhere near)

The food wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ as good as I had been told.

10. (by far/so much/much more)

That restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ the best in town.

11. (so much/really very/without doubt)

He is \_\_\_\_\_ the rudest man I have ever met.

12. (really/so much/so absolutely)

The journey was \_\_\_\_\_ quicker than we thought it would be.

