



MODIFYING COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

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

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

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



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.

