



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.

- Paul is _____ the happiest he has been in a long time.
- This place isn't _____ as beautiful as we'd expected it to be.
- Their holiday was _____ the best they had ever had.
- That woman is _____ friendliest people I've ever met.
- The exam was not _____ as difficult as I expected.
- Cordoba is _____ hotter than Seville in the summer.
- Morocco is _____ cheaper than I thought.
- The film was _____ better than we expected.
- The food wasn't _____ as good as I had been told.
- That restaurant is _____ the best in town.
- He is _____ the rudest man I have ever met.
- The journey was _____ quicker than we thought it would be.

