

# Comparatives and superlatives

## Long adjectives, irregular adjectives

### 1) Listen to the story.

Look at the **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives. They are underlined.

The comic strip consists of four panels. Panel 1 shows a boy with a dog, a girl, and another boy sitting on a bench. The boy with the dog says 'Woof!'. The girl says 'Hello, guys!'. The boy on the bench says 'Hi Fred!'. The boy with the dog says 'What a good dog! You know, I want to get a pet, too.' Panel 2 shows the boy with the dog asking 'How about a cat? Cats are the best pets.' The boy on the bench replies 'A cat? No, Beth! A dog is better than a cat.' Panel 3 shows the boy with the dog saying 'First of all, a cat is more beautiful than a dog! Well, your dog, anyway!'. The boy on the bench replies 'What? My dog is the most beautiful dog in the world!'. Panel 4 shows the boy with the dog saying 'Sorry, guys! Actually, I think I want a goldfish!'.

1 Woof! Hello, guys! Hi Fred! What a good dog! You know, I want to get a pet, too.

2 How about a cat? Cats are the best pets. A cat? No, Beth! A dog is better than a cat.

3 First of all, a cat is more beautiful than a dog! Well, your dog, anyway! What? My dog is the most beautiful dog in the world!

4 Sorry, guys! Actually, I think I want a goldfish!

### 2) Complete the tables with **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives. Follow the examples.

Long adjectives		
Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful (than)	the most beautiful
expensive	..... expensive (than)	the ..... expensive
dangerous	more dangerous (.....)	..... most dangerous



## Irregular adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better (...than...)	the best
bad	worse (...)	worst

### 3) Read the information:

Use	Form
<p>We use the <b>comparative</b> form of adjectives to compare <b>two people or things</b>:</p> <p><i>Argentina is <b>more beautiful</b> than Uruguay.</i></p> <p>1 2</p>	<p>To form the <b>comparative</b> of LONG adjectives, we use <b>more + adjective + (than)</b>:</p> <p>beautiful ----&gt; <b>more beautiful (than)</b> expensive ----&gt; <b>more expensive (than)</b></p>

Use	Form
<p>We use the <b>superlative</b> form of adjectives to compare <b>three or more people or things</b>:</p> <p><i>Argentina is <b>the most beautiful</b> country in South America.</i></p>	<p>To form the <b>superlative</b> of LONG adjectives, we use <b>the most + adjective</b>:</p> <p>beautiful ----&gt; <b>the most beautiful</b> expensive ----&gt; <b>the most expensive</b></p>

Here, we are comparing Argentina with all the countries in South America.

**Good** and **bad** are **IRREGULAR** adjectives:

We don't add **-er** or **-est** at the end, or we don't use "**more**" or "**the most**". They have special words:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
<b>good</b>	<b>better (than)</b>	<b>the best</b>
<b>bad</b>	<b>worse (than)</b>	<b>the worst</b>

Examples:

Dogs are **better than** cats.

Fish are **the best** pets of all.

My brother is bad at basketball, but I'm **worse than** him.

Our sister is **the worst** of the three.

### 4) Complete the table:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	<i>more beautiful</i>	<i>the most beautiful</i>
expensive		
interesting		
exciting		
wonderful		

**exciting** = it makes you feel happy and enthusiastic.

**wonderful** = extremely good.

**5)** Compare the pets, using the **comparative** and **superlative** forms of the adjectives in the squares. Follow the example.

**dangerous**



a dog



a snake



a tarantula

**Example:**

1) Snakes ..... **are more dangerous than** ..... dogs. Tarantulas ..... **are the most dangerous** ..... of all.

**intelligent**



a goldfish



a shark



a dolphin

2) Sharks ..... goldfish. Dolphins ..... of all.

**popular**



a hamster



a dog



a cat

3) Dogs ..... hamsters. Cats ..... of all.

**beautiful**



an iguana



a goldfish



a parrot

4) Goldfish are ..... iguanas. Parrots are ..... of all.

**expensive**



a hamster



a cat



a horse

5) Cats ..... hamsters. Horses ..... of all.

**good**



a poodle



a collie



an alsatian

6) Collies are ..... guard dogs than poodles. Alsatians are ..... guard dogs of all.



6) Choose the correct form of the adjective in brackets.



**Be careful!!!!**

See if the adjective is **SHORT** or **LONG**, and then choose an option.

## TeenLink

### Pet Corner

Here are two letters from Pet Lovers.



Hi!

My name's Debbie and I've got a goldfish. Its name's Goldie. It's

<sup>1</sup> ..... [quiet] pet in the world! Actually, I wanted a piranha fish but they are <sup>2</sup> ..... [dangerous] than goldfish. They bite! Also, Goldie is <sup>3</sup> ..... [small] than a cat or a dog and my mum likes that because we have a small house, too. A goldfish is <sup>4</sup> ..... [clean] than a hamster, so I can keep it in my room!  
I love Goldie!  
Debbie Lowe (7)

Hello *TeenLink*!

I'm Ruth and I'm eleven years old. I've got two pets! A parrot and a dog. My parrot, Cookie, is <sup>5</sup> ..... [noisy] bird in the neighborhood! He sings all day! He's <sup>6</sup> ..... [intelligent] than a canary but he's <sup>7</sup> ..... [ugly], too!  
My dog, Missy, is <sup>8</sup> ..... [good] dog in the world. She's also <sup>9</sup> ..... [dirty] dog in the world! She hates having a bath! I think she's <sup>10</sup> ..... [beautiful] dog in the world!

