

# 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. In the first panel, a man in a pink shirt and blue pants is talking to two children, a boy and a girl, who are sitting on a red bench. The man's dog is sitting next to him. The boy is wearing a striped shirt and blue pants, and the girl is wearing a blue jacket and green pants. The man says, 'Hello, guys!' and the boy replies, 'Hi Fred!'. The dog barks, 'Woof!'. The man says, 'What a good dog! You know, I want to get a pet, too.' In the second panel, the man is talking to the children. He says, 'How about a cat? Cats are the best pets.' The boy replies, 'A cat? No, Beth! A dog is better than a cat.' In the third panel, the man is talking to the boy. He says, 'First of all, a cat is more beautiful than a dog! Well, your dog, anyway!'. The boy replies, 'What? My dog is the most beautiful dog in the world!'. In the fourth panel, the man is talking to the children. He says, '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 (...than...)	...the... 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.

<b>dangerous</b>	 a dog	 a snake	 a tarantula
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**Example:**

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

<b>intelligent</b>	 a goldfish	 a shark	 a dolphin
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2) Sharks ..... goldfish. Dolphins ..... of all.

<b>popular</b>	 a hamster	 a dog	 a cat
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3) Dogs ..... hamsters. Cats ..... of all.

<b>beautiful</b>	 an iguana	 a goldfish	 a parrot
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4) Goldfish are ..... iguanas. Parrots are ..... of all.

<b>expensive</b>	 a hamster	 a cat	 a horse
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5) Cats ..... hamsters. Horses ..... of all.

<b>good</b>	 a poodle	 a collie	 an alsatian
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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!

