COMPARATIVES & SUPERLATIVES



Mercury is a small planet and it is very close to the Sun.
Mercury is smaller and closer to the Sun than Earth.
Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System and the closest to the Sun.



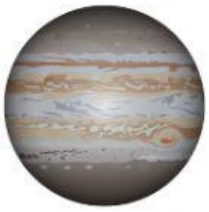
Venus is a very hot, the temperature there is over 400°C.
Venus is hotter than Earth.
Venus is the hottest planet of our Solar System.



Earth is our planet and it is very beautiful.
Earth is more beautiful than any other planet.
Earth is the most beautiful planet in the Solar System.



Mars has high mountains and volvanoes and deep valleys.
Mars has higher mountains and deeper valleys than Earth.
Mars has the highest mountain and the deepest valley in the Solar System.



Jupiter is a very large planet.
Jupiter is larger than Earth.
Jupiter is the largest planet in the Solar System.



Saturn is a very light planet.
Saturn is lighter than Earth.
Saturn is the lightest planet of our Solar System.



Uranus is a very cold planet.
Uranus is colder than Earth.
Uranus is the coldest planet in our Solar System.



Neptune is very far from the Sun.
Neptune is farther/further from the Sun than Earth.
Neptune is the farthest/furthest planet from the Sun.

Complete the table with the underlined words from the first page:

1.	2.	3.
small	*smaller than*	*the smallest*
	more beautiful than	

Words in column 1 are called **adjectives** they describe things.

We use the **comparative** form (column 2) to compare two things (or two groups of things):

- short adjectives: we add "-er" at the end.
- long adjectives: we use "more" before the adjective. than

Remember: We use "THAN" after the comparative!

We use the **superlative** form (column 3) to say that a thing has a superior quality compared to others.

- short adjectives: we add "-er" at the end.
- long adjectives: the we use "more" before the adjective.

Remember: We use "THE" before the superlative!

Exceptions: some adjectives have irregular forms:

• far	farther/further (than)	the farthest/furthest
• good	better (than)	the best
• bad	worse (than)	the worst

Now let's practice!
Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in parethensis:

- *Earth is _____ (far) from the Sun than Venus.*
- *Saturn has the _____(beautiful) rings.*
- *Uranus is _____ (close) to Jupiter than Neptune.*
- *Venus is the _____(bright) planet, but the Sun is _____than Venus.*
- *Mount Everest is the _____(high) mountain in Earth.*
- *Olympus Mons on Mars is _____ (higher) than Mount Everest.*
- *Saturn is _____(light) than Jupiter.*
- *Mars is _____(big) than Mercury, but _____(small) than Earth.*
- *Earth is _____(colourful) than Uranus.*

Write your own sentences. You can use other adjectives like cold, big, windy, small, close, far, hot, beautiful, light, large... You can use a dictionary if you don't know a word.

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