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Instructions:

1. Study the information provided about comparative and superlative adjectives.
2. Complete the exercises before February 8th.
3. Don't forget to click on Finished to submit your answers.

Watch the video about comparative and superlative adjectives.

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comparatives and superlatives: adjectives and adverbs

comparing two people, places, things, etc.

1 My sister is a little **taller than** me. 2 11
San Francisco is **more expensive than** Chicago.
This test is **less difficult than** the last one.
Olive oil is **better** for you **than** butter.
2 The new sofa isn't **as comfortable as** the old one.
I don't have **as many** books **as** I used to.

1 We use comparative **adjectives** to compare two people, places, things, etc.
- Regular comparative adjectives: spelling rules
  old > *old**er*** *big* > *big**ger*** *easy* > *eas**ier***
  modern > ***more** modern* *difficult* > ***more** difficult*
- Irregular comparative adjectives:
  good > *better* *bad* > *worse* *far* > *farther / further*
- One-syllable adjectives ending in *-ed*:
  bored > ***more** bored* *stressed* > ***more** stressed*
  tired > ***more** tired*

2 We can also use (*not*) *as* + adjective + *as* to make comparisons.

Object pronouns (*me, him,* etc.) after *than* and *as*
After *than* or *as* we can use an object pronoun (*me, him, her,* etc.) or a subject pronoun (*I, he, she,* etc.) + auxiliary verb.
She's taller than me. OR *She's taller than I am.*
NOT ~~*She's taller than I.*~~
They're not as busy as us. OR *They're not as busy as we are.* NOT ~~*They're not as busy as we.*~~

the same as
We use *the same as* to say that two people, places, things, etc. are identical.
Her dress is the same as mine.

comparing two actions

1 My father drives **faster than** me. 2 12
You walk **more quickly** than I do.
Atlanta played worse today **than** last week.
2 Max doesn't speak English **as well as** his wife does.
I don't earn **as much as** my boss.

1 We use comparative **adverbs** to compare two actions.
- Regular comparative adverbs: spelling rules
  fast > *fast**er*** *slowly* > ***more** slowly* *carefully* > ***more** carefully*
- Irregular comparatives:
  well > *better* *badly* > *worse*

2 We can also use (*not*) *as* + adverb + *as* to make comparisons.

superlatives

Kevin is **the tallest** player on the team. 2 13
Tokyo is **the most expensive** city in the world.
The small bag is **the least expensive**.
Lucy is the **best student** in the class.
Who dresses **the most stylishly** in your family?
That's **the worst** we've ever played.

- We use superlative **adjectives** and **adverbs** to compare people, things, or actions with all of their group.
- Form superlatives like comparatives, but use *-est* instead of *-er* and *most / least* instead of *more / less*.
- We usually use **the** before superlatives, but you can also use possessive adjectives, e.g., ***my** best friend*, ***their** most famous song*.
- We often use a superlative with present perfect + *ever*, e.g., *It's the best book I've ever read.*

***in* after superlatives**
Use *in* (NOT *of*) before places after a superlative.
*It's the longest bridge **in** the world.* NOT ~~*of the world*~~
*It's the best beach **in** Florida.* NOT ~~*of Florida*~~

a Complete with the comparative or superlative of the **bold** word (and *than* if necessary).

What's *the fastest* way to get around Miami? **fast**
1 I think skiing is _____ horseback riding. **easy**
2 A motorcycle is _____ a scooter. **powerful**
3 I think that traveling by train is _____ form of transportation. **relaxing**
4 You walk _____ I do. **slowly**
5 _____ time to travel is on holiday weekends. **bad**
6 _____ I've ever driven is from Washington, D.C. to Chicago. **far**
7 The London Underground is _____ the subway in New York City. **old**
8 This is _____ bus I've ever been on. **hot**
9 Of all my family, my mom is _____ driver. **good**

b Complete with one word.

Going by motorboat is *more* exciting than traveling by ferry.
1 A bus isn't as comfortable _____ a train.
2 It's _____ most expensive car we've ever bought.
3 The traffic was worse _____ we expected.
4 This is the longest trip I've _____ been on.
5 He gets home late, but his wife arrives later than _____.
6 The _____ interesting place I've ever visited is Venice.
7 I leave home at the same time _____ my brother.
8 He drives _____ carefully than his girlfriend – he's never had an accident.
9 We don't go abroad _____ often as we used to.
10 What's the longest freeway _____ the US?

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3 GRAMMAR comparatives and superlatives

a Complete the sentences with one word.

1 Gas isn't as expensive in the US *as* it is in the UK.
2 My father drives more slowly _____ my mother.
3 They said that today was _____ hottest day of the year.
4 Let's go by train. It's _____ comfortable than the bus.
5 This is the _____ flight I've ever been on. I'll never fly with this airline again.
6 I think trains are _____ dangerous than cars. There are fewer accidents.
7 It's _____ to go by subway than by bus. Buses are much slower.
8 The 405 is the _____ crowded freeway in California.
9 You're at the Sheraton? We're staying at the same hotel _____ you.
10 Why don't we ride our bikes? It's the _____ expensive way to travel.

b Write sentences with the information from the survey. Use the comparative or the superlative.

Where to go?
We reveal the results from our reader survey of three popular vacation destinations.



	Cancun (Mexico)	Beijing (China)	Sydney (Australia)
It's cheap.	● ● ●	● ●	●
It's crowded.	●	● ● ●	● ●
It's easy to get to.	● ●	● ● ●	●
It's exciting.	● ● ●	● ●	● ●
It's hot.	● ● ●	●	● ● ●
It's relaxing.	● ●	●	● ● ●

1 Cancun / cheap / Beijing
Cancun is cheaper than Beijing.
2 Beijing / crowded / of the three destinations
_____.
3 Beijing / easy to get to / Sydney
_____.
4 Sydney / exciting / Cancun
_____.
5 Sydney / hot / Beijing
_____.
6 Sydney / relaxing / of the three destinations
_____.

c Rewrite the comparative sentences in **b** using (*not*) *as … as*.

1 **expensive** (sentence 1)
Cancun isn't as expensive as Beijing.
2 **difficult** (sentence 3)
_____
_____
3 **exciting** (sentence 4)
_____
_____
4 **cold** (sentence 5)
_____
_____

4 PRONUNCIATION linking

a ONLINE Listen and complete the sentences.

1 The *most* *relaxing* way to travel is by train.
2 The seven hours in the airport was the _____ _____ part of the vacation.
3 The _____ _____ place to visit is the museum.
4 Flying is a lot _____ _____ than going by bus.
5 They should have the party at their house. It's much bigger _____ _____.
6 Scooters aren't _____ _____ _____ motorcycles.

b Listen again and repeat the sentences. Listen carefully to the linked words. Copy the rhythm.

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