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**Instructions:**

1. Study the information provided about comparative and superlative adjectives.
2. Complete the exercises before February 8<sup>th</sup>.
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 > older    big > bigger    easy > easier  
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.*

- 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**

### comparing two actions

- 1 My father drives **faster than** me.  
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.

(2.12))

- 1 We use comparative **adverbs** to compare two actions.

- Regular comparative adverbs: spelling rules  
*fast > faster    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.  
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.

(2.13))

- 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

- 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 than my mother.
- 3 They said that today was the hottest day of the year.
- 4 Let's go by train. It's more comfortable than the bus.
- 5 This is the worst flight I've ever been on. I'll never fly with this airline again.
- 6 I think trains are less dangerous than cars. There are fewer accidents.
- 7 It's more dangerous to go by subway than by bus. Buses are much slower.
- 8 The 405 is the most crowded freeway in California.
- 9 You're at the Sheraton? We're staying at the same hotel as you.
- 10 Why don't we ride our bikes? It's the most 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 longest part of the vacation.

3 The most interesting place to visit is the museum.

4 Flying is a lot more expensive than going by bus.

5 They should have the party at their house. It's much bigger than ours.

6 Scooters aren't as expensive as motorcycles.

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