



1. Complete the profiles with the numbers you hear.

# The Fastest Men on Earth

Ussain Bolt	Tyson Gay	Asafa Powell
Age: _____ Height: 1.95 m.	Age: _____ Height: 1.80 m.	Age: _____ Height: _____ m.
Weight: _____ kg.	Weight: _____ kg.	Weight: 85 kg.
Best record: 100 meters in 9.58 secs.	Best record: 100 meters in 9.69 secs.	Best record: 100 meters in 9.72 secs.

2. Match the opposites




**a. thin**



**b. young**



**c. short**




**d. fast**



☐ **1. tall**



☐ **2. slow**



☐ **3. old**



☒ **4. fat**

3. Listen and circle the word you hear.

**Jack:** You're always **faster** / **taller** than me.

**Mark:** Well, I want to be **the fastest** / **the tallest** runner in the world like Asafa Powell.

**Jack:** No, wait a minute! I think that Tyson Gay is **faster** / **slower** than Asafa Powell.

**Mark:** Let's check. Mr. Parker, who is **faster** / **slower** Tyson Gay or Asafa Powell?

**Coach:** Well, Asafa Powell can run 100 meters in 9.72 seconds, but Tyson Gay does it in 9.69 seconds.

**Jack:** You see? Tyson Gay is **shorter** / **faster** than Asafa Powell.

**Coach:** But Ussain Bolt is **the fastest** / **the heaviest** man of the three. He can run 100 meters in 9.58 seconds.

### Reflect on Grammar

#### Comparative form of short adjectives

Use it to compare two people/things.

Tyson Gay is **faster** than Asafa Powell.

Add **-er** to short adjectives and use the word **than**.

#### Superlative form of short adjectives

Use it to compare three or more people/things.

Ussain Bolt is the **fastest** man of the three.

Use the word **the** and add **-est** to short adjectives.

#### Irregular Adjectives

good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst

#### 4. Based on exercise 1, complete the comparisons with the correct form of the adjectives.

- Asafa is \_\_\_\_\_ Tyson, but Ussain is \_\_\_\_\_ of the three. (heavy)
- Asafa is \_\_\_\_\_ Ussain, but Tyson is \_\_\_\_\_ of the three. (short)
- Tyson is \_\_\_\_\_ Ussain, but Asafa is \_\_\_\_\_ runner of the three. (slow)
- Asafa and Tyson are the same age, but Ussain is \_\_\_\_\_ of the three. (young)

#### 5. Listen and fill in the blanks using the Word Bank. Then, listen again and

*The Most Famous Artists*

- Word Bank**
- beautiful
  - talented
  - popular
  - attractive
  - interesting
  - generous

#### Useful Expressions

- Use *I think / To my mind* to express opinions.

- Justin Bieber is the most \_\_\_\_\_ artist.
- I think Justin is more \_\_\_\_\_ than Rob.
- To my mind Rob is more \_\_\_\_\_ than Justin.
- I think that Selena is more \_\_\_\_\_ than Dakota.
- To my mind Dakota is more \_\_\_\_\_ than Selena.
- Selena is the most \_\_\_\_\_ artist.

### Reflect on Grammar

#### Comparative form of long adjectives

Use **more** before long adjectives + **than**.

Justin Bieber is **more** popular **than** Rob Pattinson.

#### Questions

Who is **more** talented, Selena Gomez or Dakota Fanning?

#### Superlative form of long adjectives

Use **the most** before long adjectives.

Justin Bieber is **the most** popular artist.

#### Questions

Who is **the most** talented artist at the moment?

6. Complete the chart with the comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
a. slow	<i>slower than...</i>	<i>the slowest</i>
b. fat		
c. strong		
d. funny		
e. heavy		
f. talented		
g. popular		
h. attractive		
i. bad		
j. good		

7. Write comparative sentences using some of the adjectives above.

Choose two...

Comparative sentence

a. wild animals

*Tigers are stronger than lions.*

b. songs

c. relatives

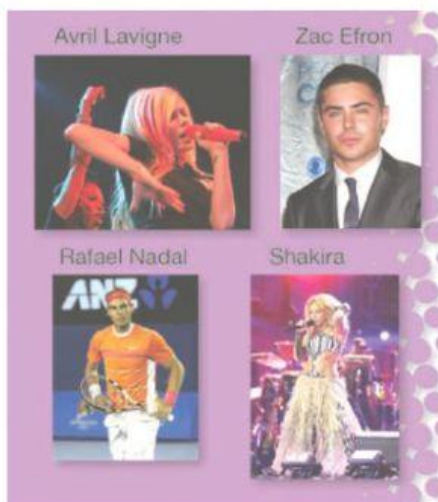
d. celebrities

e. TV programs

f. Subjects



8. Express your opinion about these artists. Use the comparative and superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.



- a. \_\_\_\_\_ (popular)  
superlative
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ (talented)  
comparative
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ (young)  
superlative
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ (good)  
comparative

9. Based on the information below, compare the different characters. Use comparative and superlative adjectives.



**Usher**

- \*37 years old
- \*1.73 meters tall
- \*87 kilos
- \* Singer, songwriter, and dancer
- \* Divorced with 2 children
- \* 19 albums and movies



**Yelena Isinbayeva**

- \*33 years old
- \*1.74 meters tall
- \*70 kilos
- \* Olympic pole vaulting champion
- \* Single with no children
- \* 54 gold medals



**Tony Hawk**

- \*47 years old
- \*1.91 meters tall
- \*81 kilos
- \* Professional skateboarder and actor
- \* Divorced with 3 children
- \* 9 gold medals



**Evgenia Kanaeva**

- \*26 years old
- \*1.70 meters tall
- \*43 kilos
- \* Olympic rhythmic gymnastics champion
- \* Single with no children
- \* 81 gold medals in competitions

- a. *Usher is heavier than Tony Hawk, and Evgenia Kanaeva is the lightest of them all.*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Answer the questions with real information.

- a. Who do you think is the most talented sportswoman in your country?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Are you taller than your mother? How tall are you?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. What do you think is the most boring sport to watch on TV?  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Is your \_\_\_\_\_ more talented than you at manual activities?  
(relative: sister, brother, aunt, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Who's the youngest member of your family? How old is he/she?

## 10. Complete the conversation with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in parentheses.

**Irina:** What are you reading, Paul? Who's that guy? He looks very athletic and handsome!

**Paul:** It's an article about *the most extraordinary* (extraordinary) athletes in the Olympic Games.

And this 'guy' is Michael Phelps; one of \_\_\_\_\_ (a. recognized) swimmers in the world.

**Irina:** Michael who? I don't know him. Is he \_\_\_\_\_ (b. famous) my Portuguese idol, Cristiano Ronaldo?

**Paul:** Yes, he is. Michael Phelps is considered \_\_\_\_\_ (c. good) swimmer in history. He has won twenty-two medals in the modern Olympic Games. Isn't that great?

**Irina:** Gosh! That's a lot! Definitely, he is \_\_\_\_\_ (d. talented) many other swimmers.

**Paul:** Well, on average, he is 1.25 seconds \_\_\_\_\_ (e. fast) his competitors and time is \_\_\_\_\_ (f. important) aspect in sports like swimming.

**Irina:** You're right. I love watching those competitions in which a few seconds make the difference between winning and losing. I think swimming and athletics are two of \_\_\_\_\_ (g. interesting) sports in the Olympics.

## Homework

**Compare yourself with some members of your family. Use the Word Bank.**

### Word Bank

- thin
- good
- tall
- generous
- talented
- fast
- short
- young
- funny
- fat

In my family, I'm taller than my \_\_\_\_\_. However,  
the tallest person is my \_\_\_\_\_

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## Can You Find the Hidden Words?

