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## CLAUSES OF COMPARISON

### A. Positive form:

+	<b>AS + adj / adv + AS</b>	E.g.: He works <b>as hard as</b> I do.
-	<b>not AS / SO + adj / adv + AS</b>	Mary doesn't cook <b>so well as</b> her mother.

#### Notes:

##### 1. less ... than = not as / so ... as

E.g.: This film is **less / not as** interesting **than / as** the one we saw last week.

##### 2. twice / three ... times as ... as

E.g.: Their house is about **three times as** big **as** ours.

##### 3. the same as

E.g.: Ann's salary is **the same as** Jane's.

Tom is **the same age as** Dick.

### B. Comparative form:

<b>Short adj/adv</b> <b>or Two-syllable adj/adv.</b> <b>ending in -y, -le, -er, -ure, -ow, -et</b>	<b>adj/adv + ER + than</b>	E.g.: His house is <b>bigger than</b> hers. Today she looks <b>happier than</b> him.
<b>Long adj/adv</b>	<b>MORE + adj/adv + THAN</b>	You're <b>more patient than</b> me.

### C. Superlative form:

<b>Short adj/adv</b> <b>or Two-syllable adj/adv.</b> <b>ending in -y, -le, -er, -ure, -ow, -et</b>	<b>THE + adj/adv + EST</b>	E.g.: Nam is <b>the tallest</b> student in my class.
<b>Long adj/adv</b>	<b>THE MOST + adj/adv</b>	This is <b>the most</b> delicious meal I've had for a long time.

#### Notes:

##### 1. Some irregular adj/adv:

good / well	better	the best
bad / badly	worse	the worst
far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest
little	less	the least
many / much	more	the most
old	older / elder	the oldest / the eldest
late	later	the latest / the last

##### 2. Superlative form can be used without nouns.

E.g.: Their house is **the most** expensive.

## EXERCISES

### I. Put the adjectives in brackets in correct form:

- Mary is (pretty) \_\_\_\_\_ as her sister.
- A new house is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ than an old one.
- Nobody is (happy) \_\_\_\_\_ than Miss Snow.
- John is much (strong) \_\_\_\_\_ than I thought.
- Bill is (good) \_\_\_\_\_ than you thought.
- The "Tempest" was probably the (late) \_\_\_\_\_ play Shakespeare wrote.
- The teacher speaks English (fluently) \_\_\_\_\_ than we do.
- Travelling by air or by car, which is (interesting) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Jim has (few) \_\_\_\_\_ opportunities to play tennis as I have.
- Jane is (tall) \_\_\_\_\_ of three girls.
- That house over there is (old) \_\_\_\_\_ building in the town.
- That was a delicious meal. It's one of ( good) \_\_\_\_\_ I've had.
- This jacket is too small. I need a (large) \_\_\_\_\_ size.
- Petrol is twice (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_ it was a few years ago.
- It is too noisy here. Can we go somewhere (quiet) \_\_\_\_\_?
- This room is (narrow) \_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
- Betty is (clever) \_\_\_\_\_ student in my class.
- My cold is (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ today than it was yesterday.
- This piece of homework is (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ as your last one.

20. This is the (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ way to do.  
21. This is the (little) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult lesson in the book.  
22. My brother is three years (old) \_\_\_\_\_ than I.  
23. Of the two shirts this one is (pretty) \_\_\_\_\_.  
24. Of the three shirts, this one is (pretty) \_\_\_\_\_.  
25. We went to the (far) \_\_\_\_\_ side of the hill.  
26. We need (far) \_\_\_\_\_ help.

## II. Rewrite the following sentences:

1. Bill is ten years old. Dick is twelve years old.

→ Bill is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Nam is taller than Nga.

→ Nga is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Hung drives more carefully than Son.

→ Son doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

4. This car is more expensive than that one.

→ That car is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. They don't have as much money as we do.

→ They have \_\_\_\_\_.

6. My salary is high but yours is higher.

→ My salary isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The Pacific Ocean is deeper than the Atlantic Ocean.

→ The Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_.

8. He plays the guitar better than I do.

→ I don't \_\_\_\_\_.

9. His house is bigger and more attractive than mine.

→ My house isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Mrs. Lien doesn't speak English as fluently as Mr. Kha.

→ Mr. Kha \_\_\_\_\_.

11. Mary does more exercises on grammar than Tom does.

→ Tom doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Sarah can swim further than I can.

→ I can't \_\_\_\_\_.

13. English is the most widely used.

→ No other language is \_\_\_\_\_.

14. No other season is as hot as summer.

→ Summer is \_\_\_\_\_.

15. No one in this company drives as carefully as Mr. Jones.

→ Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_.

16. Sally is the cleverest student in the class.

→ Nobody \_\_\_\_\_.

17. The station was nearer than I thought.

→ The station wasn't \_\_\_\_\_.

18. The examination is easier than we expected.

→ The examination isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The hotel is cheaper than we expected.

→ The hotel isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

20. It is hotter than it was yesterday.

→ Yesterday it \_\_\_\_\_.