20 Adjectives – Adverbs – Comparisons

Listen and repeat. Then act out.

Comparison of Adjectives

Adjective of:	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
one syllable	long	long**er** than	the long**est** of / in
two syllables ending in -y, -w, -er	happy	happ**ier** than	the happ**iest** of / in
two or more syllables	modern beautiful	**more** modern than **more** beautiful than	the **most** modern of / in the **most** beautiful of / in

1 **We use the comparative to compare two people or things and the superlative to compare three or more people or things.**

Jenny is **younger than** Mary. Jenny is **the youngest of** all her friends.

2 **We use than with the comparative and the ... of / in with the superlative. We use in with the superlative, usually when we refer to places.**

London is **bigger than** Leeds. It is **the biggest** city **in** England.

3 **Some adjectives form their comparatives either by adding -er / -est or with more / most.**

Some of these are: clever, stupid, narrow, gentle.

clever – cleverer – the cleverest **OR** clever – more clever – the most clever

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Spelling

Adjectives ending in:

-e → -r / -st	-y → -ier / -iest	one stressed vowel between two consonants – double the consonant
large – larger – largest	heavy – heavier – heaviest	big – bigger – biggest

Irregular Adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	further/farther	furthest / farthest

further / farther = longer (in distance)
I can't run any **further / farther**.

further = more
There is no **further** news at the moment.

7 52 **Fill in the gaps with the correct *comparative* and *superlative* forms. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.**

1 tall	...taller...	..tallest..	5 modern	.....	.....
2 careful	.....	.....	6 nice	.....	.....
3 cheap	.....	.....	7 fast	.....	.....
4 fat	.....	.....	8 thin	.....	.....

8 **Read and underline.**

1 Mary is thinner **than** / **from** from Ann.

3 Emeka is **better** / **the best** athlete of all.

2 This bike is **cheaper** / **cheapest** than this car.

4 A lion is **more** / **most dangerous** than an elephant.

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9 **Complete the sentences and answer the quiz. Check your answers to find your score.**

Geography Quiz

1 Which is the *longest* **(long)** river in the world?
Ⓐ The Nile B The Amazon

2 Which desert is ..... **(large)** than the Kalahari Desert?
A The Sahara Desert B The Syrian Desert

3 Which is the ..... **(high)** mountain in the world?
A Kilimanjaro B Mount Everest

4 Which ocean is ..... **(small)** than the Atlantic?
A The Arctic Ocean B The Pacific Ocean

5 Which is the ..... **(cold)** country in the world?
A the Russian Federation
B Norway

10 **Write sentences about places you know as in the example:**

1 (beautiful) *The most beautiful place I know is Venice.*
2 (expensive) .....
3 (cheap) .....
4 (cold) .....
5 (hot) .....
6 (ancient) .....

as ... as is used to compare two people or things which are the same.
He's **as tall as** Peter.

not as / so ... as is used in negative sentences. He isn't **as / so rich as** John.

11 **Compare the pictures.**

safe

dangerous

fast

slow

expensive

cheap

1 Cars are ....*safer*.... than motorbikes. Motorbikes are .*more dangerous*. than cars. Motorbikes are not as ....*safe as*.... cars.

2 Planes are .....
.....
Ships are .....
.....
Ships are not .....
.....

3 Trains are .....
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Buses are .....
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Buses are not .....
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