

B2 – Making comparisons

1. Let's remember the basics about adjectives. First, an adjective can have three forms:

B_S_
FORM

THE
C_M_A__T_V_
FORM

THE
S_P_R__T_V_
FORM

2. Complete with the correct form of the words *small* and *advanced*.

A tablet is
a laptop.



(SMALL)

An iPhone 13 is
an iPhone 11.



(ADVANCED)

This is
tablet in our shop.



(SMALL)

The iPhone 16 is
model of all.



(ADVANCED)

3. Complete the rules about the comparative and superlative forms of **adjectives**.

Base	Comparative	Superlative
1-syllable adjectives SMALL	SMALL__ THAN	___ SMALL ___
≥2 syllables adjectives ANNOYING	____ ANNOYING THAN	THE ____ ANNOYING
Adjectives ending in -Y EASY	EAS ___ THAN	THE EAS ___
Adjectives ending in CVC SAD	SAD ___ THAN	THE SAD ___

4. Complete the rules about comparative and superlative forms of **adverbs**.

Base	Comparative	Superlative
1-syllable adverb FAST (drive fast) HARD (work hard)	He drives ____ than me. She works ____ than him.	Of all his friends, he drives ____. She works ____ in the company.
2-syllable adverb CAREFULLY QUICKLY	She drives _____ than her husband. He finishes work _____ than his workmates.	She drives _____ of all her lady friends. He finishes work _____ of all.

5. Fill in the gaps with the correct irregular form of the following adjectives.

Base	Comparative	Superlative
GOOD	B ----- THAN	THE B -----
BAD	W ----- THAN	THE W -----
LITTLE	L __ S THAN	THE L __ T
MUCH / MANY	M __ _ THAN	THE M __ T
FAR	FARTHER / F __ THER THAN	THE FARTHEST / F ----- ST

6. Fill in the gaps with the correct irregular form of the following adverbs.

WELL - BETTER - _____
BADLY - _____ - THE WORST

e.g.: You're doing really well, but I think you can do _____

He's done badly on the test and he's done even _____ in the past.

7. Read the rules about advanced ways of making comparisons and fill in the gaps.

If two things are the same, we use the comparison of equality: AS [ADJECTIVE] AS NOT AS [ADJECTIVE] AS	Complete with CHALLENGING and NOT PATIENT
	She finds physics _____ math.
	Children are _____ they once were.

It also works for adverbs!
AS [ADVERB] AS

Complete with ELEGANTLY
She dresses _____ a fashion model.

We use the structure
LESS [ADJECTIVE] THAN to
mean the opposite of **MORE**.

Complete with **INTERESTING**

She finds this year's art gallery
[] last year's one.

We use the structure
THE LEAST [ADJECTIVE]
to mean the opposite of
THE MOST.

Complete with **PATIENT**

Generation Alpha is
[] generation.
They can only focus for a few seconds!

8. Read the following examples of **intensifiers**. Then, choose the form which goes with each intensifier.

Write **B** (base), **C** (comparative) or **S** (superlative) next to each structure.

Wildlife photography is **much** **more** difficult than portrait photography.

War photography is **by far** **the most** difficult type of photography.

Base

Comparative

Superlative

MUCH
FASTER THAN

A LOT
FASTER THAN

A BIT
FASTER THAN

(NOT) NEARLY AS FAST AS

FAR FASTER THAN

SLIGHTLY
FASTER THAN

BY FAR THE
FASTEST

A LITTLE
FASTER THAN

ONE OF THE FASTEST

(NOT) QUITE AS FAST AS

CONSIDERABLY
FASTER THAN