

Degrees of Comparison

Task 1

Complete the table.

Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller	the smallest
loud	better	
intelligent	higher	
big		
	more helpful	
		the fastest

Now complete the sentences with adjectives from the table.

- 1 I can't reach the vase. Why did Dad put it on *the highest* shelf?
- 2 This is *(good)* essay I've ever written.
- 3 Steve's voice is *(high)* than Tim's.
- 4 Judy is *(intelligent)* than Ben. After all she's a straight-A student.
- 5 Asia is *(big)* than Africa.
- 6 The cheetah is *(fast)* animal in the world.

Task 2

Write comparatives or superlatives and then answer the questions. Check your answers.

Quiz



Task 3

Put the adjectives in brackets into the **comparative** or **superlative** form.

Dear Robert,

I'm writing to tell you about our new house. It's lovely! It's 1) *the nicest* (nice) house I have ever seen. It's much 2) (big) than our last one but also 3) (expensive). The house looks very modern. There are many rooms with large windows and wooden floors.

I finally have a room that I don't have to share with my 4) (young) brother. My bedroom is on the second floor and I have a great view. 5) (good) thing about this house is that it has a lovely garden. There are lots of flowers and trees around which make the place much 6) (colourful).

The new house is in a peaceful area. It's actually 7) (quiet) area I've ever lived in. The neighbours are also very kind. Can you believe they organised a party for us? They are definitely 8) (friendly) people I have ever met.

Well, that's all my news. I hope you'll visit me soon. I can't wait to show you the new place.

Yours,
Chris

Task 4

Use the adjectives to write comparisons as in the example:



a heavy **b** dangerous **c** fierce **d** fast

1 a An elephant ... *is heavier than a tiger*,
b A tiger ... *is more dangerous than an elephant*,
c A tiger is *fiercer than an elephant*,
d An elephant isn't ... *as fast as a tiger*,

a expensive **b** cheap **c** slow **d** comfortable

2 a A car is
b A bicycle is
c A car isn't
d A car is



a friendly **b** quiet **c** intelligent **d** playful



3 a A dog is
b A cat is
c A dog is
d A cat isn't

Task 5

Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct form.

1 Comics are ... *more interesting*
..... *than* (interesting) fairy tales.
2 Burgers are as
..... (tasty) tacos.
3 Skating is
..... (difficult) cycling.

4 Rock climbing is as
..... (dangerous) surfing.
5 Football is
..... (popular) basketball.
6 Sailing is
..... (relaxing) golf.