

GRAMMAR

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Comparative and superlative adjectives

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Write the opposite adjectives.

serious ≠ *funny*

1 fat ≠ _____ 4 intelligent ≠ _____
 2 far ≠ _____ 5 good-looking ≠ _____
 3 difficult ≠ _____ 6 interesting ≠ _____

2 ★ Complete the dialogue with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

Emily: Two boys want to go to the end of school dance with me.

Kirsten: Who?

Emily: Wayne and Theo.

Kirsten: Well, go with Wayne. He's *better-looking* (good-looking) than Theo. He's ¹ _____ (thin) too.

Emily: Well, Theo isn't fat! Anyway, Wayne is ² _____ (boring) than Theo. Theo is ³ _____ (funny) than Wayne and he's ⁴ _____ (clever).

Kirsten: ... so, go with Theo.

Emily: Well ... Wayne has a lot of friends. He's ⁵ _____ (sociable) than Theo. Theo is ⁶ _____ (shy). Maybe it's better to go to the dance with Wayne, but it's a difficult decision.

Kirsten: Yes, but it's less difficult than deciding what to wear. That's impossible!

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the adjectives in capitals.

My mum is *older* than my dad but the *oldest* person in our family is my dad's grandmother. She's 98. **OLD**

1 Harry isn't shy at all – he's the _____ boy in our class. In fact, he's _____ than our teachers! **CONFIDENT**

2 I'm not _____ than my mum. She's the _____ person in the house. **SHORT**

3 Who is the _____ person in my family? My baby sister. My brother Tom is _____ than me – he's ten and I'm twelve years old. **YOUNG**

4 I'd like to be _____ than I am but I'll never be the _____ person in my class. Seven people play sports for school teams. **FIT**

5 Ela's got _____ hair than me. She's got the _____ hair in our class. Some of the boys call her 'Rapunzel' but she doesn't mind. **LONG**



4 ★★ Complete the email with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

Hi Eleanor,

How are you? Life here at university is great. The *best* (good) thing about it is that we've got a lot of free time! I like the lessons too. The lecturers are ¹ _____ (interesting) than our teachers at school and they are ² _____ (friendly) too. The ³ _____ (nice) lecturer is our psychology teacher. She's great.

The ⁴ _____ (bad) thing about university is that we have lectures at 8 a.m. every day. The other problem is my room. It's ⁵ _____ (small) than my bedroom at home. It's ⁶ _____ (tidy) too because my mother isn't here to tell me to put things away! It's a bit unfair because some of the rooms here are ⁷ _____ (big) than the one I've got. Oh well. How is everything with you? Hope your marks are ⁸ _____ (good) than last year!

See you soon,
Beverley

5 ★★★ Use the prompts to make full sentences.

The boy in that photo isn't Desmond. *Desmond has got darker hair than him* (Desmond / got / dark / hair / him).

1 I want Craig to win the school prize for best student.
 a _____ (He / clever / boy / in the school). b _____

(He / friendly / the other people) who are trying to win too.

2 We've got a book to read for English. The book I'm reading a _____ (funny / and / interesting / book we are studying). Why do they always choose b _____ (boring / books in the world) to read?

3 Tim: Look at that dog. a _____ (That / ugly / dog in the world!)
 Phil: That's my dog!

Tim: What? Oh, sorry. Sometimes b _____ (I / stupid / person I know)!
 Phil: Don't worry. I agree, he is a bit strange-looking but he's really friendly.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

6 Find the word that is wrong in each sentence and correct it. One sentence is correct.

You look different. Your hair is shortest than before. *shorter*

1 This is, without doubt, the worse day of my life. _____

2 Who is the kinder person in your class? _____

3 Don't worry about what Chloe says. You're much more cleverer than she is. _____

4 This year at school is less difficult than last year. Maybe I'm less shy than before! _____

5 After my holiday, I want to be slimmer than I am now. _____

6 This lake looks narower on the map than that one. _____

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