

Unit 3: Grammar – Comparatives and superlatives

Grammar Comparatives and superlatives



1 Read the text and complete the sentences using the comparative, superlative or base form of the adjectives in the box.

Three amazing bridges

Three ambitious tourist attractions

In 2015, work started on Germany's longest suspension bridge in Geierlay and it opened five months later, one of the fastest bridge constructions ever. It is 400 m long and the drop down to the canyon below is nearly 100 m. Around 170,000 tourists per year are expected to use it and see the most spectacular views. The bridge is made of steel and cost around \$1 million but extra tourism revenue in the area should be worth around \$2 million. In China, the Zhangjiajie Glass Bridge opened a year later in 2016. This is the highest and longest glass-bottomed bridge in the world. Its length is 430 m and from the bridge you can look down 300 m to the canyon below.

At a cost of \$2.6 million, it is made from the toughest glass available and attracts a lot of thrill-seeking tourists. It really is one of the scariest destinations in the region. The bridge can hold 800 people at the same time in complete safety!

Meanwhile, one of the oldest pedestrian bridges in the world can be found in British Columbia, Canada, over the Capilano River. Built in 1889 by a Scottish engineer using rope and wood, the bridge is 150 m long and is suspended 80 m above the river. Tourists can cross the river and then walk on other bridges between the giant firs of the Capilano Forest, some of the biggest trees in Canada.

most amazing expensive higher longer scariest
most spectacular tallest most amazing

- 1 The Capilano Bridge is by far the _____ of the three dating back to the 19th century.
- 2 The Geierlay Bridge cost around \$1 million, so it wasn't as _____ as the Glass Bridge.
- 3 At 300 m, the Glass Bridge is much _____ than the other two.
- 4 The Geierlay Bridge is _____ than the Capilano Bridge but shorter than the Glass Bridge.
- 5 From all three bridges you get some of the _____ views in the world.
- 6 The author thinks the Glass Bridge is one of the _____ places to visit.
- 7 The trees in the Capilano Forest are among the _____ trees in North America.
- 8 All three bridges are some of the _____ tourist attractions in the world.

Correct the underlined words using the comparative, superlative or base form of the adjectives.

- 1 People say that the Armani Hotel, built in Dubai in 2010, is the more beautiful most beautiful hotel in the world, with gold tablets in the bedrooms!
- 2 Seven of the world's ten busy ports are in China – and Shanghai holds the number 1 position.
- 3 The single span suspension bridge in Japan, which measures nearly 4,000 m, is long than any other in the world.
- 5 The Abraj Al-Bait in Mecca is the world's more expensive building, costing \$15 billion.
- 6 The Abraj Al-Bait hotel has the world's big clock which can be seen from 30 km away.
- 7 The heavy cruise ship ever built is the *Symphony of the Seas*, weighing 230,000 tonnes.