

# Explorer's Guide to Comparatives & Superlatives

## Let's Remember!

Comparatives compare two things.



[Short Adjective + er]  
or [more + Long Adjective] + "than"  
(e.g., taller than, more beautiful than)

Superlatives show the "top" of a group.



[the + Short Adjective + est]  
or [the most + Long Adjective]  
(e.g., the tallest, the most difficult)

Short vs. Long Adjectives.

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| big       | bigger / the biggest<br>(add -er/-est)                 |
| beautiful | more beautiful / the most beautiful<br>(use more/most) |

For words ending in 'y', change 'y' to 'i' then add -er/-est

Beware of the Irregulars!







Good becomes **better/the best**,  
Bad becomes **worse/the worst**

## Let's Practice!





### Part 1: Comparing Objects in the Cave.

(Fill in the blanks with the Comparative form.)

- The explorer is \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) **than** the snail. 
- The blue crystal is \_\_\_\_\_ (beautiful) **than** the gray rock. 
- This backpack is \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy) **than** that one. 
- The cave entrance is \_\_\_\_\_ (sunny) **than** the deep tunnels. 




### Part 2: The Top of the Group.

(Fill in the blanks with the Superlative form.)

- He is **the** \_\_\_\_\_ (fast) runner in the Guancho tribe. 
- Discovering the ancient egg was **the** \_\_\_\_\_ (good) part of the trip. 
- This is **the** \_\_\_\_\_ (old) cave in the world. 
- Solving the Mayan puzzle was **the** \_\_\_\_\_ (difficult) task. 

### Part 3: Multiple Choice Grammar.

(Choose the correct answer.)

- I am \_\_\_\_\_ than my brother.  
 tall  taller  more tall 
- The Mayan temple is \_\_\_\_\_ than the house.  
 big  bigger  biger 
- The explorer's parrot is the \_\_\_\_\_ bird!  
 noisy  noisiest  the noisiest 

### Part 4: Correcting Mistakes.

(Make it right!)

- My sister is short **than** me.  ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~
- Jupiter is the **most large** planet.  ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~
- Do you think football is exciting **than** tennis?  ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~
- I think Sunday is **gooder** than Saturday.  ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~