

# Comparatives and superlatives.

## Grammar: Comparatives

| Comparative forms of adjectives                                                                      |           |                                                                  |
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| <b>Adjectives with one syllable</b><br>Add <i>-er</i> .                                              | cheap     | Machine-made sweaters are <b>cheaper than</b> handmade sweaters. |
| <b>Adjectives that end in -y</b><br>Change the <i>-y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>-er</i> .            | pretty    | I like that dress, but this one is <b>prettier</b> .             |
| <b>Adjectives with two or more syllables</b><br>Use <i>more</i> or <i>less</i> before the adjective. | beautiful | Eleanor is <b>more beautiful than</b> Eva.                       |
|                                                                                                      | expensive | These suits are <b>less expensive than</b> those.                |
| <b>Irregular comparatives</b>                                                                        | good      | Shopping in a store is <b>better than</b> shopping online.       |
|                                                                                                      | bad       | My grades are <b>worse than</b> yours.                           |

\*The comparative form is often followed by *than*.

\*Use *much* to make a comparison stronger. *This coat is **much better than** the other one.*

## Grammar: Superlatives

| Superlative forms of adjectives                                                                       |           |                                                            |
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| <b>Adjectives with one syllable</b><br>Add <i>-est</i> .                                              | cheap     | The cotton pajamas are <b>the cheapest</b> .               |
| <b>Adjectives that end in -y</b><br>Change the <i>-y</i> to <i>i</i> and add <i>-est</i> .            | pretty    | Helen is <b>the prettiest</b> girl in the class.           |
| <b>Adjectives with two or more syllables</b><br>Use <i>most</i> or <i>least</i> before the adjective. | beautiful | These are <b>the most beautiful</b> shoes in the store.    |
| <b>Irregular superlatives</b>                                                                         | good      | Turner's is <b>the best</b> shoe store in town.            |
|                                                                                                       | bad       | Jon is a bad soccer player, but Tony is <b>the worst</b> . |

Here you have 3 hotels. Compare them.

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|                  | Bellagio hotel                                                                      | Avid hotel                                                                          | Itch Nah Hotel                                                                        |
| Number of rooms: | 150                                                                                 | 50                                                                                  | 5                                                                                     |
| Comfort:         | *****                                                                               | **                                                                                  | ****                                                                                  |
| Price:           | \$1000 per night                                                                    | \$400 per night                                                                     | \$800 per night                                                                       |
| Built in:        | 2010                                                                                | 2000                                                                                | 2018                                                                                  |
| Airport:         | 40 minutes away                                                                     | 20 minutes away                                                                     | 60 minutes away                                                                       |

Compare 2 of them using **the comparative** (don't forget to put the "**than**" in the comparison).

1. The Bellagio hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ than Avid hotel. (big)
2. The Itch Nah hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable)
3. The Bellagio \_\_\_\_\_ from the airport (far) \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Avid hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (cheap)
5. The Itch Nah hotel \_\_\_\_\_ (good)

Now, let's compare the 3 using the **superlative** to say which is **superior** and we use "**the**".

1. The Itch Nah is the \_\_\_\_\_ hotel of the three. (small).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ from the airport (near)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (old)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (good)