



Grammar Presentation 1

a. Comparative of Short Adjectives

We use **be** + **comparative** adjective + **than** to compare two things.

=> S1 + to be + **adj** + **"er"** + **than** + S2

Short adjectives ...	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ er	slow → slower fast → faster tall → taller
Ending in -e	+ r	large → larger nice → nicer
Some two-syllable adjectives, especially ending in -y	-y → -i + er	hungry → hungrier happy → happier funny → funnier
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + er	big → bigger fat → fatter fit → fitter

Grammar Presentation 2



hot



hotter



hottest



The Sun is **the hottest**.

Superlatives: Short adjectives

Short adjectives	Spelling rules	Examples
Usually	+ est	slow → the slowest fast → the fastest tall → the tallest
Ending in -e	+ st	large → the largest nice → the nicest
Ending in a consonant + y	-y → -i + est	hungry → the hungriest happy → the happiest funny → the funniest
Ending in a vowel + a consonant	double the consonant + est	big → the biggest fat → the fattest fit → the fittest

We use **superlative** adjectives to compare three or more things and say that one of them is 'number one'.

=> S + to be + **the** + adj + **"est"**...

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

Comparing things we buy and services we use

Fareed is buying a new laptop. Change the underlined words into comparative adjectives.

WOMAN These two, the Helix 400 and the VKC 28, are very popular at the moment, sir. The VKC 28 is a little new¹ *newer*⁰, but the Helix is cheap

FAREED Can I touch them? Which one is heavy²?

WOMAN The VKC is light³ than the Helix, but it's also wide⁴.

FAREED Yes, you're right. The VKC is big⁵, but much thin⁶. And I suppose it's powerful⁷ too, if it's newer.

WOMAN It's fast⁸, yes. But the Helix is still a good computer. We sell hundreds every week.

FAREED You said the VKC was expensive⁹. What's the difference in price?

WOMAN The Helix is £400 and the VKC is £600.

FAREED Thanks. I think the VKC is a little good¹⁰, but I'll take the Helix!

Exercise 2:

Comparing places

'Visit England' is a magazine in English for Polish students. In this article, the writer is comparing study holidays in Liverpool, a big city in Lancashire, and in Beverley, a small town in Yorkshire. Circle the correct comparative adjectives.

Of course, Liverpool is much bigger *biger*⁰ than Beverley. It's also *famouser* *more famous*¹, much *noisier* *noisyer*², and, when I was there, *weter* *wetter*³! (It rained every day!) I spent two weeks in the Lancashire city last March, and I loved it. I stayed in the more *old* *older*⁴, *busier* *busyer*⁵ part of the city, near the river Mersey. I went on the Beatles tour, and I watched Liverpool FC play against Newcastle. (Newcastle won.) It was a good game, but football matches in England are much more expensive *than* *as*⁶ in Poland – I had to pay £45 for a ticket. Then I spent a week in Beverley at a *smaller* *more small*⁷ language school. Beverley is *beautifuller* *more beautiful*⁸ than Liverpool, and the people were *more friendlier* *friendlier*⁹ to me. It's a *richer* *more rich*¹⁰ and *cleaner* *cleanner*¹¹ place too, – but perhaps Liverpool is *more interesting* *interestinger*¹² in the end.

Exercise 3:

Talking about the best things about the Seychelles

Look at the home page of the website for 'Seychelles Holidays'. Change the underlined words into superlative adjectives.

Seychelles Facts (and Opinions!):

- The Republic of Seychelles is the small ⁰ smallest African country, and it's the good ¹ place in the world for your holiday!
- The big ² of the hundred and fifty five islands is Mahé, with an international airport.
- The Seychelles Islands have the beautiful ³ beaches you've ever seen, and the warm ⁴ seas.
- The sunny ⁵ times of year are December and January (but they're also the expensive ⁶ times to visit).
- The peaceful ⁷ island is La Digue - it's like a journey into the past!
- The nice ⁸ restaurant in the Seychelles is 'André's' in Anse Lazio. (Another free meal, please, André!)
- The best Creole music is by the famous ⁹ Seychelles musician, the wonderful Jean-Marc Volcy!