

Comparatives and superlatives (grammar practice)

COMPARATIVE (2. stupeň)

Read the **Learn this!** box. Then complete the table below with comparative forms from the text in exercise 2.

LEARN THIS! Comparative adjectives

a We can compare two things using a comparative adjective and *than*:

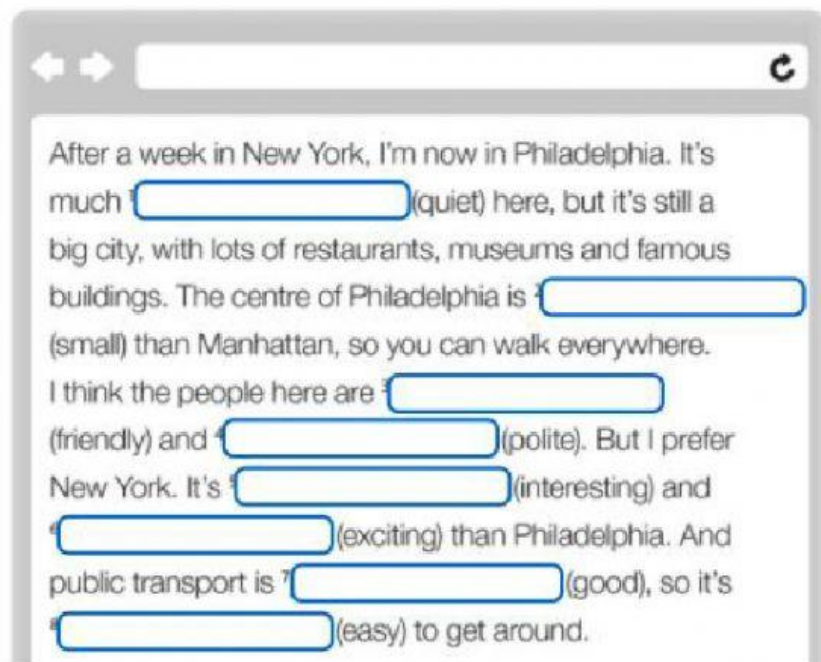
Today is warmer than yesterday.

b We can also use a comparative form before a noun:

We're looking for a bigger house.

Short adjective	Comparative	Rule
long	1	+ -er
big	2	double consonant + -er
sunny	3	-y → -ier
wide	4	+ -r
Long adjective	Comparative	Rule
comfortable	5	more + adjective
Irregular adjective	Comparative	
good	6	
far	7	
bad	worse	

- 1 Complete the travel blog. Use the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.



After a week in New York, I'm now in Philadelphia. It's much [] (quiet) here, but it's still a big city, with lots of restaurants, museums and famous buildings. The centre of Philadelphia is [] (small) than Manhattan, so you can walk everywhere. I think the people here are [] (friendly) and [] (polite). But I prefer New York. It's [] (interesting) and [] (exciting) than Philadelphia. And public transport is [] (good), so it's [] (easy) to get around.

- 2 Look at the prompts and write sentences. Use the affirmative of *be* and the comparative form of the adjective with *than*.

- 1 Prince Harry / young / Prince William

Prince Harry is younger than Prince William.

- 2 Crocodiles / dangerous / sharks

- 3 Chinese / difficult / English

- 4 Friends / important / money

- 5 Twitter / new / Facebook

- 6 Brown rice / natural / white rice

- 7 Six out of ten / bad / fourteen out of twenty

SUPERLATIVE (3. stupeň)

Complete the table with superlative adjectives from the dialogue in exercise 2.

Short adjective	Superlative	Rule
quick	1	+ -est
large	the largest	+ -st
easy	2	-y → -iest
hot	the hottest	double consonant + -est
Long adjective	Superlative	Rule
convenient	3	the most + adjective
Irregular adjective	Superlative	
good	4	
far	the furthest	
bad	5	

3 Complete the sentences. Use the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 Planes are (quick) form of transport.
- 2 Is chicken (healthy) type of meat?
- 3 Which are , (comfortable) trams, trains or buses?
- 4 I think Saturday is (good) day of the week.
- 5 July is often (hot) month of the year.
- 6 London isn't (safe) city in the UK.

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Rewrite the sentences correctly.

- 1 Josh is the taller boy in the class. ✗

- 2 Zurich is most expensive city in Europe. ✗

- 3 The Pacific is the most largest ocean in the world. ✗

- 4 James's exam results are the goodest in the class. ✗

- 5 The fareset I travelled last year was to New York. ✗

10 Choose the correct answers.

Krakow's Main Square is one of ¹ _____ largest squares in Europe. It is also one of the ² _____ beautiful. In the middle of the square, there's a large building called the Cloth Hall. ³ _____ the Cloth Hall, there are a lot of shops for tourists. There's a museum under the building, and if you ⁴ _____ the stairs to the first floor, there's an art gallery. Next ⁵ _____ the Cloth Hall, there's a statue of Adam Mickiewicz, a famous Polish writer. Along the sides of the square are many other buildings, some of them older ⁶ _____ the Cloth Hall and some are ⁷ _____ modern. The square is quite ⁸ _____ to the train station, so it's easy to get to. But if you don't want to go ⁹ _____ foot, you can always ¹⁰ _____ a taxi.

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| 2 a more | b most | c very |
| 3 a Indoors | b Inside | c Into |
| 4 a go above | b go over | c go up |
| 5 a from | b of | c to |
| 6 a as | b than | c that |
| 7 a more | b most | c the |
| 8 a close | b far | c next |
| 9 a at | b in | c on |
| 10 a catch | b go | c take |