

Comparatives and superlatives

Long adjectives, irregular adjectives

1) Listen to the story.

Look at the **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives. They are underlined.

The comic strip consists of four panels. Panel 1 shows a boy with a dog (Fred) and two girls sitting on a bench. The boy says 'Hello, guys!' and the girls respond 'Hi Fred!' and 'Woof!'. The boy says 'What a good dog! You know, I want to get a pet, too.' Panel 2 shows the boy asking 'How about a cat? Cats are the best pets.' The girls respond 'A cat? No, Beth! A dog is better than a cat.' Panel 3 shows the boy saying 'First of all, a cat is more beautiful than a dog! Well, your dog, anyway!' The girl responds 'What? My dog is the most beautiful dog in the world!' Panel 4 shows the boy saying 'Sorry, guys! Actually, I think I want a goldfish!'.

1 Hello, guys! Hi Fred! Woof! What a good dog! You know, I want to get a pet, too.

2 How about a cat? Cats are the best pets. A cat? No, Beth! A dog is better than a cat.

3 First of all, a cat is more beautiful than a dog! Well, your dog, anyway! What? My dog is the most beautiful dog in the world!

4 Sorry, guys! Actually, I think I want a goldfish!

2) Complete the tables with **comparative** and **superlative** adjectives. Follow the examples.

Long adjectives		
Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	more beautiful (than)	the most beautiful
expensive	 expensive (than)	the expensive
dangerous	more dangerous (.....)	 most dangerous

Irregular adjectives

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better (...than...)	the best
bad	worse (...)	worst

3) Read the information:

Use	Form
We use the comparative form of adjectives to compare two people or things: <i>Argentina is more beautiful than Uruguay.</i> 1 2	To form the comparative of LONG adjectives, we use more + adjective + (than): beautiful ----> more beautiful (than) expensive ----> more expensive (than)

Use	Form
We use the superlative form of adjectives to compare three or more people or things: <i>Argentina is the most beautiful country in South America.</i>	To form the superlative of LONG adjectives, we use the most + adjective: beautiful ----> the most beautiful expensive ----> the most expensive

Here, we are comparing Argentina with all the countries in South America.

Good and **bad** are **IRREGULAR** adjectives:

We don't add **-er** or **-est** at the end, or we don't use "**more**" or "**the most**". They have special words:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better (than)	the best
bad	worse (than)	the worst

Examples:

Dogs are **better than** cats.

Fish are **the best** pets of all.

My brother is bad at basketball, but I'm **worse than** him.

Our sister is **the worst** of the three.

4) Complete the table:

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
beautiful	<i>more beautiful</i>	<i>the most beautiful</i>
expensive		
interesting		
exciting		
wonderful		

exciting = it makes you feel happy and enthusiastic.

wonderful = extremely good.

5) Compare the pets, using the **comparative** and **superlative** forms of the adjectives in the squares. Follow the example.

dangerous



a dog



a snake



a tarantula

Example:

1) Snakes **are more dangerous than** dogs. Tarantulas **are the most dangerous** of all.

intelligent



a goldfish



a shark



a dolphin

2) Sharks goldfish. Dolphins of all.

popular



a hamster



a dog



a cat

3) Dogs hamsters. Cats of all.

beautiful



an iguana



a goldfish



a parrot

4) Goldfish are iguanas. Parrots are of all.

expensive



a hamster



a cat



a horse

5) Cats hamsters. Horses of all.

good



a poodle



a collie



an alsatian

6) Collies are guard dogs than poodles. Alsatians are guard dogs of all.

6) Choose the correct form of the adjective in brackets.



Be careful!!!!

See if the adjective is **SHORT** or **LONG**, and then choose an option.

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Pet Corner

Here are two letters from Pet Lovers.



Hi!

My name's Debbie and I've got a goldfish. Its name's Goldie. It's

¹ [quiet] pet in the world! Actually, I wanted a piranha fish but they are ² [dangerous] than goldfish. They bite! Also, Goldie is ³ [small] than a cat or a dog and my mum likes that because we have a small house, too. A goldfish is ⁴ [clean] than a hamster, so I can keep it in my room!
I love Goldie!
Debbie Lowe (7)

Hello *TeenLink*!

I'm Ruth and I'm eleven years old. I've got two pets! A parrot and a dog. My parrot, Cookie, is ⁵ [noisy] bird in the neighborhood! He sings all day! He's ⁶ [intelligent] than a canary but he's ⁷ [ugly], too!
My dog, Missy, is ⁸ [good] dog in the world. She's also ⁹ [dirty] dog in the world! She hates having a bath! I think she's ¹⁰ [beautiful] dog in the world!

