

COMPARE  
AND  
DESCRIBE



## 1. COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

When describing and comparing animals, people and things, we use comparative adjectives.

- **LONG ADJECTIVES**

more + adjective + than ...

*The whale is more dangerous than the lizard / María is more intelligent than David*

ADD "MORE" BEFORE LONG ADJECTIVES

ADD "THAN" AFTER THE ADJECTIVES

boring \_\_\_\_\_

(boring): My book is \_\_\_\_\_ your book.

famous \_\_\_\_\_

(famous): "Avatar" is \_\_\_\_\_ "Shrek"

intelligent \_\_\_\_\_

(intelligent): Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ lizards.

- **SHORT ADJECTIVES**

*David is taller than María*

adjective + er + than ...

ADD -ER TO SHORT ADJECTIVES

ADD "THAN" AFTER THE ADJECTIVES

clean ➔ cleaner

(clean): My room is \_\_\_\_\_ your room

cold ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(cold): The North Pole is \_\_\_\_\_ Tenerife

short ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(short): I am \_\_\_\_\_ my brother

CHANGE THE "Y" TO "I" AND ADD

-ER IN ADJECTIVES ENDING IN Y

ADD "THAN" AFTER THE ADJECTIVES

funny ➔ funnier

(funny): "Shrek" is \_\_\_\_\_ "Avatar".

heavy ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(heavy): Whales are \_\_\_\_\_ dolphins.

pretty ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(pretty): Your shirt is \_\_\_\_\_ my shirt.

DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT IN SOME WORDS + ER

ADD "THAN" AFTER THE ADJECTIVES

hot ➔ hotter

(hot): Tenerife is \_\_\_\_\_ the North Pole

big ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(big): Dolphins are \_\_\_\_\_ cats

sad ➔ \_\_\_\_\_

(sadder): "Titanic" is \_\_\_\_\_ "Shrek".

## 2. SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

When comparing animals, people and things, we can also compare more than 2 things:

- **LONG ADJECTIVES**

**the most + adjective + ...**

*The monkey is the **most intelligent** animal / My book is the **most interesting** book in the class*

**ADD "THE MOST" BEFORE LONG ADJECTIVES**

dangerous	→ the <u>most</u> dangerous	(dangerous): Whales are _____ mammals
expensive	→ _____	(expensive): This watch is _____ in the shop
popular	→ _____	(popular): "Avatar" is _____ film ever

- **SHORT ADJECTIVES**

*Laura is **the tallest** student in the class*

**adjective + (est) ...**

**ADD -EST TO SHORT ADJECTIVES**

old	→ the <u>oldest</u>	(old): The _____ whale in the zoo is 20 years old
small	→ _____	(small): Insects are _____ animals
tall	→ _____	(tall): David is _____ boy in the basketball team

**CHANGE THE "Y" TO "I" AND ADD -EST IN ADJECTIVES ENDING IN Y**

easy	→ the <u>easiest</u>	(easy): The _____ subject this year is Biology
lazy	→ _____	(lazy): Maria is _____ student in the class
happy	→ _____	(happy): Dolphins are _____ animals in the ocean

**DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT AND ADD -EST**

big	→ the <u>biggest</u>	(big): Whales are _____ animals on Earth
sad	→ _____	(sad): "Titanic" is _____ film ever!
hot	→ _____	(hot): Today is _____ day of the year

**IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES**

**GOOD = THE BEST (la/el mejor)**

*Real Madrid FC and Barcelona FC are **the best** football teams in Spain.*

*"Avatar" is **the best** film ever!*

**BAD = THE WORST (el/la peor)**

*My basketball team is **the worst** team in Tenerife.*

*I am **the worst** football player in my class.*

### 3. EQUAL ADJECTIVES

When can also describe animals, people or things that are or are not equal:

*The cat is as tall as the dog / Dolphins are not as huge as whales*

... as + adjective + as ...

(El gato es tan alto como el perro) / Los delfines no son tan enormes como las ballenas)

ADD "AS" + ADJECTIVE + "AS" ...

clean  as clean as

(clean): My room is \_\_\_\_\_ the living room

cold  \_\_\_\_\_

(cold): Finland is \_\_\_\_\_ Norway

dangerous  \_\_\_\_\_

(dangerous): Tigers are \_\_\_\_\_ lions

(not dangerous): is/are not as dangerous as:

Frogs are \_\_\_\_\_ as snakes.

### EXERCISES

#### 1. Choose the correct comparative form:

1 - Elephants are \_\_\_\_\_ than lizards.      a) smaller    b) bigger    c) more small

2 - A giraffe is \_\_\_\_\_ than a dog.      a) shorter    b) more intelligent    c) taller

3 - A snake is \_\_\_\_\_ than a turtle.      a) smaller    b) more dangerous    c) slower

4 - A dolphin is \_\_\_\_\_ than a crab.      a) faster    b) smaller    c) more fast

5 - Sara is \_\_\_\_\_ than her sister. (short)      a) more short    b) shorter    c) shortest

6 - Martín is \_\_\_\_\_ than his best friend. (funny)      a) funniest    b) funnier    c) more funny

7 - A dog is \_\_\_\_\_ than a lion. (domesticated)      a) more domesticated    b) the most domesticated

8 - Whales are \_\_\_\_ animal in the world. (heavy)      a) the heaviest    b) heavier    c) more heavy

9 - Andrea is \_\_\_\_\_ student in the class. (tall)      a) the more tall    b) the tallest    c) the most tall

10 - I am the \_\_\_\_\_ football player in my team. (bad)      a) the worst    b) the most bad

11 - "Star Wars" is \_\_\_\_\_ film ever! (good)      a) the more good    b) the best

12 - I am as \_\_\_ as my sister. (tall)      a) more tall    b) tall

13 - Dogs are \_\_\_\_ as whales. (not dangerous)      a) not as dangerous    b) as dangerous

2. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the comparatives:

- 1- The pink dress is \_\_\_\_\_ the blue dress. (pretty)
- 2- The new house is \_\_\_\_\_ the old house. (big)
- 3- I think this restaurant is \_\_\_\_\_ the others. (cheap)
- 4- Lions are \_\_\_\_\_ lizards. (dangerous)
- 5- The monkey is \_\_\_\_\_ the bat. (intelligent)
- 6 - My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ than me. (lazy)
- 7- My book is \_\_\_\_\_ your book. (interesting)
- 8- The whale is \_\_\_\_\_ animal living on our planet (heavy)
- 9 - My friend is \_\_\_\_\_ player in his football team. (fast)
- 10- Biology is \_\_\_\_\_ subject this school year. (interesting)
- 11 - Dogs are \_\_\_\_\_ animals on Earth. (domesticated)
- 12 - "Frozen" is \_\_\_\_\_ film ever! (good)
- 13 - My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ videogame player ever! (bad)
- 14 - A cat is \_\_\_\_\_ as a dog. (intelligent)
- 15- My sister is not \_\_\_\_\_ as me. (not tall)

**RIDDLES: GUESS THE ANIMAL!**

1. I AM BIGGER THAN A CAT, BUT SMALLER THAN A WHALE. I HAVE TWO BIG EARS AND A LONG BODY. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_
2. I AM FASTER THAN A TURTLE, BUT SLOWER THAN A LIZARD. I HAVE A HARD SHELL AND LIVE NEAR THE SEASHORE. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_
3. I AM FASTER THAN A LIZARD BUT SLOWER THAN A RABBIT. I AM AS DOMESTICATED AS A CAT. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_
4. I AM BIGGER THAN A FISH AND NOT AS DANGEROUS AS A KILLER-WHALE. MY BODY IS GREY. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_
5. I AM AS BIG AS A BAT. I AM NORMALLY WHITE OR GREY, AND I CAN ALSO FLY. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_
6. I AM SLOWER THAN A CRAB, BUT BIGGER THAN IT. I CARRY MY HOME ALWAYS WITH ME. WHAT AM I? \_\_\_\_\_