

# 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 " <u>MORE</u> " BEFORE LONG ADJECTIVES	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " 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 <u>-ER</u> TO SHORT ADJECTIVES	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
clean ➡ <u>cleaner</u>	(clean): My room is _____ your room
cold ➡ _____	(cold): The North Pole is _____ Tenerife
short ➡ _____	(short): I am _____ my brother

CHANGE THE " <u>Y</u> " TO " <u>I</u> " AND ADD <u>-ER</u> IN ADJECTIVES ENDING IN <u>Y</u>	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
funny ➡ <u>funnier</u>	(funny): "Shrek" is _____ "Avatar".
heavy ➡ _____	(heavy): Whales are _____ dolphins.
pretty ➡ _____	(pretty): Your shirt is _____ my shirt.

DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT IN SOME WORDS + <u>ER</u>	ADD " <u>THAN</u> " AFTER THE ADJECTIVES
hot ➡ <u>hotter</u>	(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 dangerous</u>	(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 rooms 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? \_\_\_\_\_