



Listen and repeat. Then act out.

What is **lighter**
than a feather but you
can't hold it for more
than 3 minutes?

Your breath!

Umm... I don't
know. What?

Comparison of Adjectives

Adjective of:	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
one syllable	long	longer than	the longest of / in
two syllables ending in -y, -w, -er	happy	happier than	the happiest of / in
two or more syllables	modern beautiful	more modern than more beautiful than	the most modern of / in the most beautiful of / in

- 1 We use the **comparative** to compare two people or things and the **superlative** to compare three or more people or things.

Jenny is **younger than** Mary. Jenny is **the youngest of** all her friends.

- 2 We use **than** with the comparative and **the ... of / in** with the superlative. We use **in** with the superlative, usually when we refer to places.

London is **bigger than** Leeds. It is **the biggest city in** England.

- 3 Some adjectives form their comparatives either by adding **-er / -est** or with **more / most**.

Some of these are: clever, stupid, narrow, gentle.

clever – cleverer – the cleverest **OR** clever – more clever – the most clever

Spelling

Adjectives ending in:

-e → -r / -st

-y → -ier / -iest

one stressed vowel between two consonants – double the consonant

large – larger – largest

heavy – heavier – heaviest

big – bigger – biggest

Irregular Adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
far	further/farther	furthest / farthest

further / farther = longer (in distance)

I can't run any **further / farther**.

further = more

There is no **further** news at the moment.

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Fill in the gaps with the correct **comparative** and **superlative** forms. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.

- 1 tall ...*taller*... ..*tallest*...
- 2 careful
- 3 cheap
- 4 fat

- 5 modern
- 6 nice
- 7 fast
- 8 thin

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Read and underline.



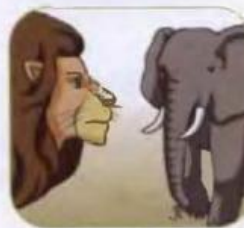
- 1 Mary is thinner **than** /
from from Ann.



- 3 Emeka is **better** / **the best** athlete of all.



- 2 This bike is **cheaper** /
cheapest than this car.



- 4 A lion is **more** / **most dangerous** than an elephant.

- 9 Complete the sentences and answer the quiz. Check your answers to find your score.

Geography Quiz

- Which is the *longest* (long) river in the world?
 (A) The Nile B The Amazon
- Which desert is (large) than the Kalahari Desert?
 A The Sahara Desert B The Syrian Desert
- Which is the (high) mountain in the world?
 A Kilimanjaro B Mount Everest
- Which ocean is (small) than the Atlantic?
 A The Arctic Ocean B The Pacific Ocean
- Which is the (cold) country in the world?
 A the Russian Federation
 B Norway

- 10 Write sentences about places you know as in the example:

- (beautiful) *The most beautiful place I know is Venice.*
- (expensive)
- (cheap)
- (cold)
- (hot)
- (ancient)

- as ... as is used to compare two people or things which are the same.
- He's as tall as Peter.

not as / so ... as is used in negative sentences. He isn't as / so rich as John.

- 11 Compare the pictures.



safe



dangerous



fast



slow



expensive



cheap

- Cars are *safer* than motorbikes. Motorbikes are *more dangerous* than cars. Motorbikes are not as *safe as* cars.
- Planes are
 Ships are
 Ships are not
- Trains are
 Buses are
 Buses are not