



51 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.

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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

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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.

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Compare the pictures.



safe



dangerous



fast



slow



expensive



cheap

1 Cars are *safer* than motorbikes. Motorbikes are *more dangerous* than cars. Motorbikes are not as *safe as* cars.

2 Planes are
Ships are
Ships are not

3 Trains are
Buses are
Buses are not