

12 Put the adjectives in brackets into the comparative or superlative form.

Dear Robert,

I'm writing to tell you about our new house. It's lovely! It's 1) *the nicest* (nice) house I have ever seen. It's much 2) (big) than our last one but also 3) (expensive). The house looks very modern. There are many rooms with large windows and wooden floors.

I finally have a room that I don't have to share with my 4) (young) brother. My bedroom is on the second floor and I have a great view. 5) (good) thing about this house is that it has a lovely garden. There are lots of flowers and trees around which make the place much 6) (colourful).

The new house is in a peaceful area. It's actually 7) (quiet) area I've ever lived in. The neighbours are also very kind. Can you believe they organised a party for us? They are definitely 8) (friendly) people I have ever met.

Well, that's all my news. I hope you'll visit me soon. I can't wait to show you the new place.
Yours,
Chris

13 Use What's or Who's and the adjectives in brackets in the superlative to complete the questions. Then ask and answer in pairs.

- 1 *What's the most exciting* (exciting) sport to play?
I think it's football.
- 2 (funny) comedian in the world?
.....
- 3 (good) programme on TV?
.....
- 4 (popular) singer in your country?
.....
- 5 (difficult) language in the world?
.....

Types of Comparisons



The armchair is **as comfortable as** the sofa but it **isn't as expensive as** the sofa.



The ring is **less expensive than** the necklace. The earrings are **the least expensive of all**.



The more he studies, **the better** student he becomes.

1 **as ... (positive) ... as**
not so / as ... (positive) ... as

Paul is **as heavy as** Tom.
Jane is **not so / as tall as** Mary.

2 **less ... (positive) ... than**
the least ... (positive) ... of / in

Betty is **less hard-working than** Kate but Jean is **the least hard-working of all**.

3 **the + comparative ..., the + comparative**

The harder you work, **the more** money you earn.

14 Use the adjectives to write comparisons as in the example:



heavy dangerous fierce fast

- 1 An elephant *is heavier than a tiger.*
An elephant *is less dangerous than a tiger.*
A tiger is *fiercer than an elephant.*
An elephant isn't *as fast as a tiger.*

expensive cheap slow comfortable

- 2 A car is
A bicycle is
A car isn't
A bicycle is



friendly quiet intelligent playful

- 3 A dog is
A cat is
A dog is
A cat isn't



15 Put the adjectives / adverbs in brackets into the *comparative* or *superlative* form, adding any necessary words.

- 1 A: I like Geometry more than Algebra. What about you?
B: Actually, I find Algebra much ... *more interesting* ... (interesting).
- 2 A: What did you think of the Chemistry exam, Peter?
B: Well, it was (difficult) exam we've had so far.
- 3 A: Were the tickets for the concert expensive?
B: No, I got seats in the back row. They were (cheap) I could find.
- 4 A: Your work isn't very good, Elisha. I'm sure you can do (well).
B: I promise I'll try (hard).
- 5 A: Thank you for your help.
B: My pleasure. For (far) information, contact the school.
- 6 A: Do you prefer the brown jacket?
B: Yes, but it is much (expensive) the grey one.
- 7 A: We can't hear you. Could you speak (loudly), please?
B: Yes, of course.

16 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct form.
Which of the sentences 1–6 don't you agree with? Correct them.

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| 1 Comics are ... <i>more interesting</i> ...
... <i>than</i> ... (interesting) fairy tales. | 4 Rock climbing is as
..... (dangerous) surfing. |
| 2 Burgers are as
..... (tasty) tacos. | 5 Football is (popular)
..... basketball. |
| 3 Skating is
..... (difficult) cycling. | 6 Sailing is
..... (relaxing) golf. |

17 Complete the sentences using *the + comparative* as in the example:

- 1 The wind blew hard. The kite flew high in the sky.
... *The harder* ... the wind blew, ... *the higher* ... the kite flew.
- 2 It got dark. I became frightened.
..... it got, I became.
- 3 We worked hard. We became very successful.
..... we worked, we became.
- 4 The boys got noisy. Their father became angry.
..... the boys got, their father became.