A2.1 COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE ADVERBS

- **Comparative adverbs compare the action (verb) of two people or things.**

  Example: Sam ran faster than John. compares the action (ran) of Sam and John.

  Superlative adverbs compare the action (verb) of a group larger than two.

  Example: Susan sang loudest in the choir.

- **For the adverbs that end in –*ly*:**
  Comparative form: add *more* as in more sweetly

  Superlative: add *most* as in most sweetly.

- **Short adverbs:**
  hard, fast, early, late

  Comparative: use –*er* ending, as in *later*

  Superlative: use *-est* ending as in *latest*

  Change words ending in y to i, as in *earlier, earliest.*

- **Special adverbs:** Well, badly

  Comparative: use *better, worse*

  Superlative: use *best, worst*

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the adverb that is in parentheses.

1. Our father arrived home <u>later</u> than the rest of the family. (late)

2. My sister sang_____than Amanda did. (beautifully)

3. Your husband, Ken, writes_____of all. (well)

4. Mrs. Henderson speaks_____than Mrs. Alarcon. (clearly)

5. Mother prepares turkey_____than Father does. (well)

6. Alexander and Peter work_____of all the boys. (hard)

7. He checked his answers_____than she did. (carefully

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8. Angelica speaks Spanish_____of all the students. (correctly)

9. Percy talks_____than Jennifer. (frequently)

10. She danced_____of all. (gracefully)

11. This math test was _____ than the last one. (hard)

12. I did my homework _____ than my brother. (fast)

13. You need to check your work a little_____ (careful) for spelling mistakes.

14. Sorry, can you speak a bit _____ (slow), please?

15. If you want to pass this exam, you'll have to study much _____ (hard).

16. Julie's guests arrived slightly_____ (early) than she expected.

17. You can contact me _____(easy) by email. Here's my address.

18. I will go and buy the train tickets. I live _____(near) to the station.

19. Nowadays I_____(often) buy books online. It is cheaper.

20. In the chemistry exam, Kate did _____(bad) of all the students. She only got 34 per cent.

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