

138) Comparative and superlative adjectives. Fill gaps with appropriate comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives from the list. Add than and the if necessary.

dry / keen / fat / bored / good / loose / real / safe / tidy / bad / big / pretty / wet / scared / wrong / far

- I'm rather worried about the side effects of aspirin. Can you recommend a *safer* alternative?
- And now we come to the award for _____ actor in a leading role.
- It's been raining non-stop. I wouldn't be surprised if this turns out to be _____ July on the record!
- The authenticity of dialogue and setting often makes low-budget films seem _____ the somewhat artificial version of reality in Hollywood movies.
- In medieval times people rarely travelled long distances. For most peasants _____ they would ever travel would be to the local market town.
- In our study children on a diet high in diary products tended to be considerably _____ average.
- Now that I'm employing a cleaner the house has become a lot _____ it ever used to be!
- This skirt's much too tight on the hips. I need something with a _____ fit.
- DiCaprio was awful! I think that's _____ performance I've ever seen him give.
- I don't mind the Mediterranean summer because it's a _____ heat that you find in the tropics.
- They say the great pyramid at Giza is _____ structure to survive from the ancient world.
- I like all Mozart's operas but I think *Don Giovanni* is the one I am _____ on.
- We inherited two paintings from my grandmother. Of the two, I'd say the landscape is _____.
- I know all murder is wrong, but don't you agree that it's _____ to murder a child than to murder an adult?
- _____ I've ever felt was when Joe and I were flying over the Himalayas and we hit a storm; it was absolutely petrifying.

126) Order of adjectives. Put the words in brackets in the correct order and complete the sentences.

- Samira owns a ...*lovely old French*... armchair. (French, lovely, old)
- Tom lives in a _____ cottage by the sea. (stone, little, pleasant)
- We bought a _____ chest of drawers for the bedroom. (wooden, big, new)
- Did Melinda wear her _____ dress to the party? (pretty, silk, blue)
- Their new house has a _____ room. (living, big, nice)
- Rembrandt was a _____ artist. (seventeenth-century, Dutch, famous)
- It's one of those _____ machines. (German, washing, expensive)
- Where's that _____ T-shirt you used to wear? (cotton, red, horrible)

142) Fill in: the sooner ... the sooner, like, less ... than, would prefer ... rather than, three times as ... as, such a.

When Trevor saw his neighbours' new car, he decided that he had to have one just (1) _____ theirs. He had never seen (2) _____ beautiful machine. (3) _____ I get down to the showroom, _____ I'll have a car like theirs', he thought. But when he got there, it turned out the car was (4) _____ expensive _____ he had expected. 'Haven't you got anything a little (5) _____ expensive _____ that?' he asked the salesman. 'Perhaps, sir, you (6) _____ to invest in a small motorcycle _____ such an ... exclusive vehicle,' he replied.

143) Fill in: further, furthest, better, best, worse and worst.

A: We've been driving for hours! The weather is getting (1) _____. How much (2) _____ is it?
 B: I'm not sure, but according to the map, this is the (3) _____ route to take.
 A: Give me the map, please. I'll find a (4) _____ way to get there. Why did Dave choose the (5) _____ restaurant out of town to go to on such a rainy night?
 B: I don't know. I think it's also one of the (6) _____ places to eat.
 A: Well, at this rate we're never going to get there!

107) Look at this consumer magazine chart comparing three brands of pizza cheese. Complete the sentences.

Use as...as or not as...as and the correct form of the words in brackets.

PIZZA

CHEESE [+ better ± - worse]

Brand	Price (per serving)	Taste	Smell
X	5¢	±	-
Y	3¢	±	±
Z	3¢	+	±

- Brand Z _____ (be/expensive) Brand Y.
- Brand Y _____ (be expensive) Brand X.
- Brand X _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- Brand Z _____ (taste/good) Brand Y.
- Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand X.
- Brand Y _____ (smell/nice) Brand Z.