

Degrees of Comparison

Task 1

Complete the table.

Adjectives	Comparative	Superlative
small	 <i>smaller</i>	 <i>the smallest</i>
.....	better	.....
loud	.....	.....
.....	higher	.....
intelligent	.....	.....
big	.....	.....
.....	more helpful	.....
.....	.....	the fastest

Now complete the sentences with adjectives from the table.

- I can't reach the vase. Why did Dad put it on *the highest* shelf?
- This is (good) essay I've ever written.
- Steve's voice is (high) than Tim's.
- Judy is (intelligent) than Ben. After all she's a straight-A student.
- Asia is (big) than Africa.
- The cheetah is (fast) animal in the world.

Task 2

Write *comparatives* or *superlatives* and then answer the questions. Check your answers.

Quiz

- 1 Which is *the hottest* (hot) planet in the solar system?
a) Venus b) Jupiter
- 2 Is the Sahara Desert (small) than the Kalahari Desert?
a) yes b) no
- 3 Can an eagle see (good) than a human?
a) yes b) no
- 4 Which is (long) wall in the world?
a) the Wall of Dubrovnik
b) the Great Wall of China
- 5 Is Mount Everest (high) than Mount Kilimanjaro?
a) yes b) no
- 6 Which is (tall) building in the world?
a) Taipei 101 Tower b) Burj Dubai Tower
- 7 Does the blue whale make a (loud) sound than the dolphin?
a) yes b) no
- 8 Which animal runs (fast) than the leopard?
a) the cheetah
b) the lion
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Task 3

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

Task 4

Use the adjectives to write comparisons as in the example:



a heavy **b** dangerous **c** fierce **d** fast

1 **a** An elephant .. *is heavier than a tiger* ..
b A tiger .. *is more dangerous than an elephant* ..
c A tiger is .. *fiercer than an elephant* ..
d An elephant isn't .. *as fast as a tiger* ..



a expensive **b** cheap **c** slow **d** comfortable

2 **a** A car is
b A bicycle is
c A car isn't
d A car is



a friendly **b** quiet **c** intelligent **d** playful

3 **a** A dog is
b A cat is
c A dog is
d A cat isn't

Task 5

Complete the sentences using the words in brackets in the correct form.

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