

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Comparatives

1 Write the comparative forms.

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| 1 small | 4 happy |
| smaller | |
| 2 big | 5 interesting |
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| 3 good | 6 bad |
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2 Complete the rules with the adjectives from Exercise 1.

- For one-syllable adjectives, add -er:
smaller.
- For two-syllable adjectives ending in -y, remove the -y and add -ier:
- For long adjectives, add more to the adjective:
- For one-syllable adjectives ending in a vowel and a consonant, double the consonant and add -er:
- For irregular adjectives, use a different word: and .

3 Underline and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- Windsurfing is more expensive that running. than
- Rugby is more fast than basketball.
- Runners are usually thinner than swimmers.
- Which sport is noisier, volleyball or yoga?
- She's badder at gymnastics than at hockey.
- Playing sport is more better than watching it.

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets.

- An ice hockey match is longer than a basketball match. (long)
- I think rock climbing is more exciting than yoga. (exciting)
- Lola's better at tennis than her dad. (good)
- Our school hockey team is worse than the rugby team. (bad)
- We think rugby is a more difficult game than football. (difficult)
- Doing sport is healthier than watching TV. (healthy)

5 Complete the questions with a comparative adjective. Then check the answers at the bottom of the page.

DANIEL Let's do this quiz! First question: Which ball is ¹ faster, a table tennis or a tennis ball?

ANDREA A table tennis ball?

DANIEL Next question: Which match is ² longer, a basketball or an ice hockey match?

ANDREA I don't know. Ice hockey?

DANIEL Number three: Which country is ³ better at table tennis, China or South Korea?

ANDREA South Korea, I think.

DANIEL And the last question: Which sport is ⁴ more popular at schools here in New Zealand, hockey or athletics?

ANDREA Oh, dear! I don't know. Athletics maybe. What are the answers?



6 Write three sentences comparing sports. Look at Exercise 4 to help you.

I think football is more entertaining than rugby.

Answers

- table tennis ball: 116 km/h; tennis ball: 263 km/h
- ice hockey match: 60 minutes; basketball match: 48 minutes

3 China (1); South Korea (2)

4 number of people playing at schools in New Zealand: hockey: 13,967, athletics: 12,713