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## GRAMMAR

## Comparative and superlative adjectives

*I can use all forms of comparative and superlative adjectives to make comparisons.*

1 1.48 Do the Quick Culture Quiz. Then listen and check.

## QUICK CULTURE QUIZ



### True or False?

- 1 Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet* isn't as long as *Hamlet*.
- 2 Singer Mariah Carey has a better vocal range than Christina Aguilera.
- 3 The biggest music festival in the world is the Glastonbury Festival in the UK.
- 4 The best-selling film soundtrack of all time is *The Bodyguard*.
- 5 The Palace Museum in Beijing is a bit busier than the Musée du Louvre in Paris.
- 6 The Harry Potter films were far more expensive to make than *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

2 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Complete the examples using the comparative and superlative adjectives in blue in Exercise 1.

**GRAMMAR FOCUS**

## Comparative and superlative adjectives

	Comparative	Superlative
<b>Short adjectives</b>		
long	longer (than)	the longest
big	bigger (than)	1 _____
busy	2 _____ (than)	the busiest
<b>Long adjectives</b>		
expensive	3 _____ expensive (than)	the most expensive
<b>Irregular adjectives</b>		
good	4 _____ (than)	the best
bad	worse (than)	the worst
far	further (than)	the furthest

- You use **(just) as + adjective + as** to say things are equal and you use **not as + adjective + as** to make negative comparisons.  
Romeo and Juliet **isn't** <sup>5</sup> **long as** Hamlet.  
= Hamlet **is longer than** Romeo and Juliet.
- You use **a bit** or **much/far** to modify comparisons.

3 Complete the table with the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives in the box.

bad far fat funny high lucky  
popular simple talented thin

SPELLING RULE	COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES	SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES
Add -er / -r	<i>higher</i>	
Double letter + -er		
Delete -y, add -ier		
more + adjective		
Irregular		

4 **SPEAKING** Complete the questions with the comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in brackets. Then discuss the questions.

- 1 What is the worst (bad) song you've ever heard?
- 2 What band is \_\_\_\_\_ (great) than the Beatles?
- 3 What is \_\_\_\_\_ (thick) book you've ever read?
- 4 Where is \_\_\_\_\_ (near) theatre to your house?
- 5 Is it \_\_\_\_\_ (good) to watch a concert live or on telly?
- 6 Where is \_\_\_\_\_ (exciting) nightlife in your city?
- 7 Who is \_\_\_\_\_ (funny) – your mother or your father?

5 **SPEAKING** Complete the statements with *as*, *more*, *the* or *than*. Then discuss the statements.

- 1 Music downloads are a bit cheaper than CDs.
- 2 Jazz is not as popular as rock.
- 3 American pop music is the best in the world.
- 4 Live music is far more exciting than recorded music.
- 5 Lady Gaga is just as talented as Adele.
- 6 Male actors usually have much more interesting roles than female actors.
- 7 The violin is the most difficult instrument to play.
- 8 Who is the most talented musician among your friends?

6 **SPEAKING** Make sentences comparing things now with the same things five years ago. Use the prompts. Then compare your sentences with a partner.

cinema tickets		a bit	cheap/ expensive		
pop music	is	much	good/bad	than	five
mobile phones	are	just as	big/small	as	years
sharing videos		not as	easy/difficult		ago

*Cinema tickets are a bit more expensive than five years ago.*

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