



Comparative and superlative adjectives

Comparative adjectives

We use comparative adjectives with **than** to compare one person or thing with another.

Short adjectives have one or two syllables. **Loud** has one syllable. **Pretty** has two syllables.

loud → **louder** **pretty** → **prettier**

We don't change the ending of adjectives with three or more syllables. We put **more** before the adjective instead.

*This book is **more interesting** than that book.*

The opposite of **more** is **less**. We use **less** in the same way as **more**.

*That book is **less interesting** than this book.*

Superlative adjectives

We use superlative adjectives to compare a person or thing with a group of other people or things.

loud → **the loudest** **pretty** → **the prettiest**

We don't change the ending of adjectives with three or more syllables. We put **most** before the adjective. **the most beautiful**

The opposite of **the most** is **the least**. We use **the least** in the same way as **the most**.

the least beautiful

As ... as ... and not as ... as ...

If two people or things are equal we use **as ... as ...**. When they are not equal, we say **not as ... as ...**.

*This band's **as loud as** the last band!* (Both bands are equally loud.)

*London is **not as big as** Cairo.* (Cairo is bigger.)

1 Complete the table.

	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1	thin	thinner	the thinnest
2		prettier	
3			the most interesting
4			the easiest
5		more beautiful	
6	big		
7			the most exciting
8		higher	

2 Look at the table and read the sentences. True or false? Write T or F.

	Price	Beautiful	Safe
streamers 	£3.80	★	✓✓
sparklers 	£4.50	★★★	✓
fairy lights 	£6.00	★★★★	✓✓
balloons 	£3.00	★★	✓✓✓

- The sparklers are cheaper than the streamers. F
- The balloons are more beautiful than the fairy lights. _____
- The streamers are the least beautiful. _____
- The fairy lights are as cheap as the balloons. _____
- The sparklers aren't as safe as the balloons. _____
- The fairy lights are the most beautiful. _____
- The streamers are the least expensive. _____
- The fairy lights are as safe as the streamers. _____
- The balloons are as safe as the streamers. _____
- The balloons are the most expensive. _____

3 Complete the sentences. Use comparative or superlative adjectives.

- The sparklers are cheaper than the fairy lights. (cheap)
- The fairy lights are _____. (expensive)
- The streamers are _____ the fairy lights. (safe)
- The fairy lights are _____. (beautiful)
- The balloons are _____. (expensive)
- The sparklers aren't _____ the balloons. (safe)
- The balloons are _____. (cheap)

4 Rewrite the sentences with the opposite meaning. Use the adjectives in the box.

old short happy boring calm big interesting expensive

1 Mr Johnson is the youngest teacher in the school.

Mr Johnson is the oldest teacher in the school.

2 Our classroom is the smallest in the school.

3 Mrs Rogers is the saddest of my teachers.

4 Yasmin is the tallest person in the class.

5 English is the most boring lesson.

6 My art teacher is the most stressed person I know.

7 Volleyball is the most exciting sport at school.

8 A sports car is cheaper than a normal car.

5 Write sentences. Use comparative or superlative adjectives.

1 Theo / old / boy / in the class.

Theo's the oldest boy in the class.

2 Birds / beautiful / elephants.

3 My sister / tall / girl / in her class.

4 Geography lessons / long / French lessons.

5 My school / big / in the town.

6 February / short / September.

7 February / short / month of the year.

8 My dad / drives / fast / my mum.

6 Complete the sentences. Use **as ... as ...** or **not as ... as ...**.

clean long curly ~~tall~~ new tall short



- 1 The footballer is as tall as the runner.
- 2 The runner's hair is _____ the basketball player's.
- 3 The basketball player's trainers are _____ the runner's.
- 4 The runner isn't _____ the basketball player.
- 5 The footballer's hair is _____ the runner's.
- 6 The runner's hair isn't _____ the basketball player's.
- 7 The footballer's shorts aren't _____ the basketball player's.

7 Complete the sentences. Use **as ... as ...** or **not as ... as ...**.

- 1 Football is very popular. Rugby is not very popular.
Rugby isn't as popular as football. (popular)
- 2 Footballs cost four pounds. Basketballs also cost four pounds.
Basketballs _____. (cheap)
- 3 Playing chess is safe. Riding a horse is not.
Playing chess _____. (dangerous)
- 4 Football is a very old game. Volleyball is a new game.
Football _____. (new)
- 5 Men run fast. Horses run faster.
Men _____. (fast)
- 6 You can run fast. I can also run fast.
I _____. (fast)

Mother's Day



Mother's Day in England started more than 400 years ago. Young men and women went home once a year to visit their families and show their love for their mothers. Now people celebrate Mother's Day all over the world, including in Greece, Iran, China, Japan and the USA. Sons and daughters usually send a card or some flowers and a present to their mothers.

People who think that flowers are **too** expensive or who haven't got **enough** money to buy a present can make something instead. The ingredients to make a cake, for example, are cheap **enough** for children to buy. Cakes aren't **too** difficult to make and they're good **enough** to give to any mother.

Too and enough



We can use **enough** before nouns or after adjectives. It shows that something is as much as we need.

*There's **enough** cake for everyone.*

*It smells good **enough** to eat!*

We can use **too** before adjectives. It shows that something is more than enough.

*That hat is **too** big for you!*

8 Complete the sentences. Write **too** or **enough**.

- 1 He's too old to be in the team.
- 2 These shoes aren't big _____ for me.
- 3 Are you strong _____ to lift that bag?
- 4 Unfortunately, many rivers are _____ polluted to swim in.
- 5 Those clothes are _____ big for me to wear.
- 6 Is there _____ food for everyone?

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

1 the party / is / loud / too

The party is too loud.

3 the lights / bright / are / enough / ?

5 the decorations / too / heavy / are / ?

7 isn't / there / enough / light

2 enough / isn't / the room / big

4 the food / is / expensive / too

6 are / balloons / enough / there / ?

8 is / loud / the music / too / ?

Look at the picture. Write sentences with **too** or **enough**.



1 The music / loud.

The music's too loud.

3 The man's stilts / long.

5 The clown's costume / small.

7 The microphone / tall.

2 The woman's stilts / short.

4 The stage / big.

6 The dancer's costume / big.

8 The girl's dress / long.