

6 The best holiday!

Comparative and superlative adjectives

Comparative adjectives



To make comparative adjectives, we normally add **-er** or **-r**.

*This table is **cheaper** than that table. It's **nicer than** those over there.*

For adjectives ending in consonant + **-y**, we delete **-y** and add **-ier**.

*William is funny but Eric is **funnier** than William.*

For adjectives with two or more syllables, we put **more** before the adjective.

*These new chairs are **more comfortable** than the old chairs.*

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

*This sofa is **less comfortable** than that sofa.*

The two most common adjectives that have irregular comparatives are **good** and **bad**.

*Ryan is good at football, but Olly is **better** than Ryan.*

*Ryan is **worse** at football.*

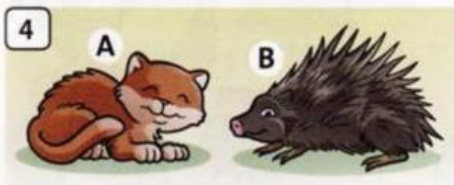
1 Change the adjectives into comparative adjectives.

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| 1 white <u>whiter</u> | 2 happy _____ |
| 3 comfortable _____ | 4 soft _____ |
| 5 expensive _____ | 6 modern _____ |
| 7 big _____ | 8 tall _____ |

2 Look at the pictures and write sentences. Use the comparative adjectives from exercise 1 in the same order.



B is whiter than A.



3 Look at the table. Complete the sentences. Use comparative adjectives and **less**.

	Tall	Intelligent	Happy
Theo	1 1.55 m	2 ✓✓	3 ✓
Alice	4 1.50 m	✓✓✓	✓✓
Olly	1.48 m	5 ✓	6 ✓✓✓

- Theo is taller than Alice.
- Theo is _____ Olly.
- Theo is **less happy than** Alice.
- Alice is _____ Olly.
- Olly is _____ Alice.
- Olly is _____ Alice.

Superlative adjectives



To make superlative adjectives, we normally add **-est** or **-st**. For adjectives with two or more syllables, we put **the most** before the adjective.

*I like French and Geography, but History is **the most interesting** subject.*

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

*All the lamps are expensive, but this one is **the least expensive**.*

The two most common adjectives that have irregular superlatives are **good** and **bad**.

*Olly is **the best** at football.*

*Ryan is **the worst** at football.*



4 Write superlative adjectives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
1 nice	nicer	<u>the nicest</u>
2 hungry	hungrier	_____
3 interesting	more interesting	_____
4 bright	brighter	_____
5 important	more important	_____
6 comfortable	more comfortable	_____
7 cold	colder	_____
8 beautiful	more beautiful	_____

5 Circle the correct answer.

- 1 Lily got the worst / worse mark in maths.
- 2 She's **most intelligent** / the most intelligent girl in the class.
- 3 **The most important** / The importantest thing to remember is someone's name.
- 4 Which subject is the least / the less difficult?
- 5 You must come with us. It's the **best** / goodest market in the world!
- 6 That is **worst** / the worst idea I can think of.
- 7 That film was the **least funny** / least funniest.
- 8 I like these shoes. They're the **more comfortable** / most comfortable.
- 9 Andy's **a nicest** / the nicest person in the class!
- 10 My Grandpa's the **oldest** / most old person in our family.

6 Look at Molly's school report. Complete the text. Use comparative and superlative adjectives, **less** and **the least**.

more the most

School Report

Name: Molly Jones

French	68%
Maths	<u>40%</u>
English	83%
Geography	62%
History	<u>96%</u>
Science	59%
Art	<u>49%</u>

100%

Molly is very good at history.

In fact, she's ¹ the best (good)

in the class. In English, she got

² _____ (high) mark in the class.

It isn't surprising that Molly is

³ _____ (good) in the class

at English. She reads a lot of English

stories. She likes maths the least, so it isn't

surprising that she got ⁴ _____

(low) marks in that subject. The subject that

she is ⁵ _____ (happy) about is

art. She likes art a lot, so she was sad when

she saw her mark. When she discovered

that her marks for science were

⁶ _____ (bad) than most other

subjects, she didn't want to tell her parents!