

Worksheet 3.2: Adjectives (comparative and superlative)

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We use adjectives to compare two or more people, animals or things. The form of the adjective will depend on the kind of comparison we make. There are **three** degrees of comparison: **the positive degree**, **the comparative degree** and the **superlative degree**.

Degree of comparison	Rule	Example
1. the positive degree	is used when no comparison is involved	Ameer is a young man.
2. the comparative degree	is used when comparing two people, animals or things -We add -er to most adjectives to form their comparative form. In some cases, when the word has more than one syllable, we add more before the adjective. We use 'than' with comparative adjectives.	-My box is larger than yours. -Areej is younger than Sohail. -Sohail is more sensible than Areej.

3. The superlative degree	<p>is used when we compare more than two people, animals or things.</p> <p>-To form superlative adjectives, we either add -est to the adjectives or use most before some adjectives that have more than one syllable. Superlative adjectives are used with the article the before them.</p>	<p>-The largest bed belonged to Jim.</p> <p>-Najeeb is the youngest of the three boys.</p> <p>-Sam is the most sensible of the three boys.</p>
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➤ Note the spelling rules of forming comparatives and superlatives.

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<p>The dog is faster than the elephant. The horse is the fastest. The horse is bigger than the dog. The elephant is the heaviest. The dog is more energetic than the elephant.</p> 			
	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	-ER faster younger	-EST the fastest the youngest
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest
ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	big hot	Double the last consonant and add -ER bigger hotter	-EST the biggest the hottest
TWO syllables Ending in -Y	happy crazy	Remove the -Y and add -IER happier crazier	-IEST the happiest the craziest
TWO or MORE syllables	famous beautiful	MORE + more famous more beautiful	THE MOST + the most famous the most beautiful
Common Exceptions	good bad	better worse	the best the worst

1. Complete each sentence by using the correct comparative or superlative form of the adjective in parentheses ().

1. This car is _____ the one I had before. (fast)
2. This is _____ I've ever traveled from home. (far)
3. The train is _____ the bus. (slow)
4. This year's trail map is _____ last year's map. (good)
5. Mrs. Ruiz speaks _____ of all the participants. (soft)

2. Put the words in the correct order to form meaningful sentences.

1. the | Reem | smartest | is | student | in our class

2. biggest | an | animal | is | the | in the zoo | elephant

3. Husam | than | taller | is | other boys | twelve | class | the | in

4. Mt Fuji | higher | than | in | Japan | is | mountain | any other

5. Tambi | the | swimmer | fastest | in | her | team | is

6. colder | December | is | than | October

1. Use the clues to write sentences with correct superlative adjectives. The first one has been done for you.

1. Walter - cute - my class

Walter is the cutest boy in my class.

2. the blue whale - big animal - earth

3. dog - faithful - animal - world

4. Sam - fast - runner - team

5. Mt Kilimanjaro - high - mountain - Africa

➤ **Look at two common mistakes that occur when we use adjectives for comparison.**

Rahim is more taller than Abraham. (✗)

Rahim is taller than Abraham. (✓)

Mumbai is the most largest city of India. (✗)

Mumbai is the largest city in India. (✓)

2. Rewrite the following sentences correctly.

1. Jim was the more loyal friend at my school.

2. Mr. Patrick is the oldest man in our office.

3. Cathy scored the most highest marks in her class.

4. Sarah is the most poorest at studies.

5. Peter has the curlier hair in his family.

6. Giraffes are tallest than deer.

7. Don't make me more angrier than I already am.

8. Vanya is more better at grammar than her sister.

9. The cheetah is fastest animal on land.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the adjectives given in brackets.

1. Which is the _____ place in the world? (hot)
2. Jupiter is the _____ planet in the solar system. (big)
3. His handwriting is _____ than his brother's. (good)
4. My bag is _____ than yours. (heavy)
5. Of the two lessons, I will learn the _____ one first. (easy)
6. He is the _____ runner of his team. (bad)

