

Comparatives & Superlatives – Adjectives & Adverbs

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Exercise 1

COMPLETE THE CHART

Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.

#	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
Ex	big	<i>bigger</i>	<i>biggest</i>
Ex	important	<i>more important</i>	<i>most important</i>
1	tall		
2	cheap		
3	expensive		
4	good		
5	lazy		
6	pretty		
7	beautiful		
8	difficult		
9	boring		
10	shy		
11	happy		
12	short		
13	famous		
14	comfortable		
15	ugly		
16	warm		
17	long		
18	intelligent		
19	wide		
20	thick		

#	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
21	smart		
22	far		
23	bad		
24	fat		
25	interesting		
26	narrow		
27	safe		
28	dangerous		
29	messy		
30	handsome		
31	attractive		
32	delicious		
33	useful		
34	easy		
35	lucky		
36	quiet		
37	noisy		
38	modern		
39	patient		
40	convenient		
41	accurate		

Exercise 2

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the following sentences with the correct comparative form of the adjectives in the Word List.

1. In Canada, January is _____ than March.
2. I think that good health is _____ than money.
3. I can't carry my suitcase. It's much _____ than yours.
4. I can afford to buy a new bike, but not a new car.
A car is _____ than a bike.
5. You look _____ than the last time I saw you.
Have you lost weight?
6. I couldn't get a seat in the restaurant.
It was _____ than usual.
7. Mountains are _____ than hills.
8. He got a very good mark on his exam.
The exam was _____ than he expected.
9. You should go to the doctor. Your cold is
_____ than it was a few days ago.
10. There is a lot of crime in the big cities.
They are _____ than the small town where I live.
11. I don't understand this lesson.
It is _____ than the last one we did.
12. I can't study in this room. It's too noisy.
I'm going to find a _____ place.
13. Our apartment is far from everything.
We want to move to a _____ location.
14. Orange juice is _____ than Coke.
15. The store is having a great sale today. Most televisions
are 25% _____ than they were yesterday.
16. The doctor told me that I can go back to
work if I feel _____ tomorrow.

Word List:

- bad
- important
- crowded
- good
- high
- heavy
- convenient
- difficult
- cheap
- expensive
- quiet
- easy
- thin
- healthy
- dangerous
- cold

Exercise 3

MAKE COMPARISONS

Make your own comparisons using the words provided and the structure "as ... as."

Ex. my apartment / large / yours

My apartment is as large as yours.

Ex. my car / expensive / your car

My car isn't as expensive as your car.

1. biology / interesting / history

2. train / fast / airplane

3. algebra / difficult / geometry

4. Batman / popular / Superman

5. lemon / sweet / orange

6. morning / warm / afternoon

7. robin / big / eagle

8. my neighbour / friendly / yours

9. tiger / dangerous / lion

10. bicycle / expensive / motorcycle

11. house / tall / skyscraper

12. France / beautiful / Switzerland

13. my old shoes / comfortable / new shoes

14. grammar / difficult / spelling

15. Beethoven / famous / Mozart

16. frozen yogurt / fattening / ice cream

17. Coke / healthy / fruit juice

18. my apartment / convenient / yours

19. big cities / safe / small towns

20. New York hotels / expensive / Tokyo hotels

Exercise 4

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete the following sentences with the correct superlative form of the adjectives in the Word List.

1. Yesterday was _____ day of the year.
I almost froze to death walking home from school!
2. That was _____ movie I've ever seen.
I almost walked out in the middle.
3. Please give me your recipe. That is _____ cake I've ever eaten.
4. Jerry is _____ student in our class.
He gets the top grades in every course.
5. Bob told _____ story last night. I couldn't stop laughing.
6. Whales are _____ animals in the world.
7. The Nile is _____ river in the world.
8. Marie is _____ person I know.
She has won the lottery four times!
9. He is _____ speaker I have ever heard.
Half the audience fell asleep during his speech.
10. Mount Everest is _____ mountain in the world.
11. That is _____ painting in the art gallery.
It's worth a million dollars.
12. Bill Gates is one of _____ men in the world.
13. I finished the exercise in five minutes.
It was _____ homework the teacher has ever given us.
14. Arthur hates to clean. He has _____ apartment I've ever seen.
15. My dinner only cost \$6.00. That must be
_____ restaurant in town.
16. I was afraid to turn off the lights last night.
That was the _____ show I've ever watched.

Word List:

- funny
- high
- delicious
- easy
- cold
- boring
- lucky
- smart
- dirty
- rich
- valuable
- bad
- large
- cheap
- long
- scary

Exercise 5

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Write questions using the words provided and the superlative form of the adjective. Then ask a classmate the questions you have written and write his or her answers in your notebook.

Ex. what / big mistake / ever made

What is the biggest mistake you have ever made?

1. what / beautiful place to visit / your country

2. who / kind person / you know

3. what / good movie / ever seen

4. what / happy day / of your life

5. what / crazy thing / ever done

6. what / expensive thing / ever bought

7. what / good restaurant / your city

8. what / exciting place / ever been

9. who / interesting person / ever met

Exercise 6

COMPLETE THE CHART

Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adverbs below.

#	Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
Ex	fast	<i>faster</i>	<i>the fastest</i>
1	hard		
2	carefully		
3	early		
4	quickly		
5	slowly		
6	beautifully		
7	well		
8	clearly		
9	late		
10	far		
11	badly		
12	fluently		

Exercise 7

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the following sentences with the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the adverb provided.

1. I drive _____ than my husband.
(carefully)
2. Angela works _____ than I do.
(hard)
3. Our secretary works _____ of all of us.
(hard)
4. Anita sings _____ of all the people in the choir.
(beautifully)
5. Our teacher explains the lessons _____ than your teacher.
(clearly)
6. Robert arrived at the meeting _____ than Francis.
(early)
7. Ken arrived _____ of them all.
(early)
8. Teenagers usually drive _____ than their parents.
(fast)
9. My daughter cooks _____ than I do.
(well)
10. My husband cooks _____ of all of us.
(well)
11. Rene speaks _____ of all the ESL students in the class.
(fluently)
12. The teacher arrived _____ than the students.
(late)

Exercise 8

MAKE COMPARISONS

Make comparisons for the following sets of nouns. Use your own ideas. Write three sentences for each set: one using the comparative structure with "than," one using the comparative structure with "as ... as," and one using the superlative structure. Use adverbs for at least one of the sets.

#	Nouns	Comparisons
Ex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • watermelon • grapefruit • orange 	<p><i>A grapefruit is bigger than an orange.</i></p> <p><i>A grapefruit isn't as big as a watermelon.</i></p> <p><i>A watermelon is the biggest fruit of the three.</i></p>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • turtle • rabbit • fox 	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feather • book • television 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • running shoes • bedroom slippers • high-heeled shoes 	
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bicycle • motorcycle • car 	
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teacher • doctor • lawyer 	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • egg • pancake • doughnut 	

Exercise 9

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete the following sentences with the correct comparative or superlative adjective or adverb. The adjective form is provided. Change the adjective into an adverb when necessary.

1. This is _____ dress I own.
(fancy)
2. In my opinion, a deer moves _____ of all the animals.
(graceful)
3. The politician spoke _____ than was necessary.
(loud)
4. When we travel, my suitcase is always _____ than my husband's.
(heavy)
5. January is _____ month of the year.
(cold)
6. Mrs. Pedriro speaks _____ than her husband.
(fluent)
7. Her son speaks _____ of the whole family.
(fluent)
8. December 21 is _____ day of the year.
(short)
9. It is _____ than any other.
(short)
10. Andrew is _____ runner on the team.
(fast)
11. This apartment is _____ of all the apartments I have seen.
(convenient)
12. Annie usually gets up _____ than her sister.
(early)
13. Max finished the homework _____ than anyone else in the class.
(fast)
14. A turtle moves _____ than a rabbit.
(slow)
15. Bonnie works _____ of all the employees in the office.
(hard)
16. This book is _____ than the one I read last week.
(interesting)
17. Daniel drives _____ than his father.
(careful)
18. Judy goes to the library _____ than I do.
(regular)
19. That gold necklace is _____ one in the whole store.
(expensive)
20. This is _____ movie I have ever seen.
(bad)

Exercise 10

CLASS SURVEY

A. Survey

Interview your classmates and complete the following chart. Then do the exercises on the following pages. If you have a large class, break into two or three smaller groups. You may wish to write the questions on a separate piece of paper before you begin your survey.

Name of Student						
Arrived at School						
Number of Siblings						
Length of Time in City						
Number of Languages						
Distance from School						
Shoe Size						
Number of Instruments Played						
Number of Sports Played						
Height						

Exercise 10 cont.

B. Writing

Using the information from the survey in Part A, make as many sentences as you can about your classmates. Use the comparative form of an adjective or adverb and the structures "than" or "as ... as."

Examples:

- Mary arrived at school earlier than Jane.
- John's feet are not as large as Bill's.
- Andrea studied longer than I did last night.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____
21. _____
22. _____

Exercise 10 cont.

C. Questions

Using the information from the survey in Part A, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Who got to school the earliest today?

2. Who has the most siblings?

3. Who has lived in this city the longest?

4. Who speaks the most languages?

5. Who lives the farthest away from the school?

6. Who wears the largest shoe size?

7. Who is the most musical person in the class?

8. Who is the most athletic person in the class?

9. Who is the tallest student in the class?

10. Extra question: Who studied the hardest last night?
