Comparatives & Superlatives – Adjectives & Adverbs

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**COMPLETE THE CHART**

Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.

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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

Ex. my car / expensive / 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

My apartment is as large as yours.
My car isn’t as expensive as your car.
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.

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**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.

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| Ex| • watermelon • grapefruit • orange | *A grapefruit is bigger than an orange.*  
*A grapefruit isn’t as big as a watermelon.*  
*A watermelon is the biggest fruit of the three.* |
| 1 | • turtle • rabbit • fox    |                                                                             |
| 2 | • feather • book • television |                                                                             |
| 3 | • running shoes • bedroom slippers • high-heeled shoes |                                                                             |
| 4 | • bicycle • motorcycle • car |                                                                             |
| 5 | • teacher • doctor • lawyer |                                                                             |
| 6 | • 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.

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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.

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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?