

CM #2

Intensifiers

Comparative and Superlatives

Individual Vs. Team Sports

Recap – My sport routine

Personal approach and opinions

Your own experience

Grammar #3 - Comparative and Superlatives

Types of Adjectives - Regular and Irregular Adjectives

Comparative - Form

Short Adjectives / Adverbs

1 or 2 syllables max

Adj/adv + -er..... Than

Cold => colder than...

Careful with adj like:

Friendly => friendlier

Hot => hotter

Long Adjectives / Adverbs

2 syllables and over

More + Adj/adv..... Than

Beautiful => more beautiful than...

Modern is considered as a long adj

Superlative - Form

Short Adjectives / Adverbs

1 or 2 syllables max

THE (or det) Adj/adv + -est

Gheorghe Mureșan was the tallest basketball player (in the world)

Careful with adj like:

Friendly => the friendliest

Hot =>the hottest

Long Adjectives / Adverbs

2 syllables and over

THE (or det) Most + Adj/adv

Beautiful => The USA is the most beautiful country (in the world)

Modern is considered as long:

The Atlanta Mercedes-Benz Arena is the most modern stadium in America

Irregular form

The superlative is used when you compare more than 2 things

Between rugby, soccer and handball, soccer players have the highest salary.

When you only compare two, you use a mix of superlative (the) and comparative (adj or adv)

Between soccer and rugby, soccer players are the better paid

Irregular adjectives or adverbs

Good or Well =>	Better	=>	The best
Bad	Worse		The worst
One	Former		The first
Far	Farther		The farthest
	Further		The furthest
Old	Older		The oldest
	Elder		The eldest

Irregular adjectives or adverbs

Little (Quantity)=>	Less	=>	The least
Few (Quantity)	Fewer		The fewest
Much/Many/a lot	More		the most
Late	Later		The last
			The latest
			The latter (of two)

Article or determinants

We can use the article “the” before a superlative but also other forms of determinants => genitive or possessive

- Nike's best football shoes are the Magista
- Her most beautiful performance was during the Olympics
- It was Portugal's best game in the championship
- Team spirit is not their best asset
- Winning with the Nat'l team was my best achievement ever

Comparative of equality

There is only one form:

As + Adjective or adverb... As

Netball is as interesting as Basketball

Comparative and Superlative of Inferiority

There are three forms for the comparative of inferiority

1. Less + adjective or adverb... than => Soccer is less fun than rugby
2. Not as + adjective or adverb... as => Running is not as physical as swimming
3. Not so + Adjective or adverb... as => Volleyball is not so technical as water polo

For the superlative, only one form but not so common

The least + Adjective or adverb. => Curling is the least interesting sport.

= Curling is not the most interesting sport.... (less direct)

WHAT NOT TO DO

Never use:

- Whiskey is more stronger than wine => double comparative
=> MISTAKE
- Soccer player are the most richest athletes => double superlative
=> MISTAKE
- Australian Football is more fascinating ~~that~~ rugby (INCORRECT)
=> “than” is used to compare
Australian Football is more fascinating than rugby (CORRECT)

Practical Tips

Use comparatives and superlatives wisely

Grammar #4 – Intensifiers and Mitigators

Used with adjectives or adverbs

Used in comparative forms

Categories of adjectives or adverbs

2 Major categories

Weak adjectives or adverbs VS. Strong adjectives or adverbs

Use the appropriate intensifiers

Very, really, extremely, absolutely, incredibly, remarkably, particularly, exceptionally, enough...

2 categories of intensifiers

For weak adj or adv AND For strong adj or adv

Enough

The place of enough is UNUSUAL

It must be placed after the adjective or adverb

- He plays rugby well enough to play in the Nat'l team
- They are not old enough to compete

Intensifiers with comparatives and superlatives

You can use the following for comparatives:

Much => this is much more difficult than I thought

A lot => Rugby is a lot tougher physically than volleyball

Far => Polo is far more interesting than soccer

Quite a lot => MMA is quite a lot more violent than Judo

For superlatives:

Easily => American football is easily the best sport in the world

By far => MMA is by far the most exciting sport at the moment

Mitigators with adjectives or adverbs

They are used to make adjectives or adverbs less strong

- With weak adjectives they refer to « relatively »

Fairly => French athletes are fairly good when it comes to European competitions

Quite => the American soccer team is quite good (NOTICEABLY)

Rather => This exercise is rather difficult (NOT TOO MUCH BUT STILL)

- « Quite » With strong adjectives they mean « absolutely »

Quite => the game was quite awful (ABSOLUTELY)

Mitigators with comparatives

The basic mitigators are:

A bit – Just a bit

A little – Just a little – a little bit

A tad – just a tad

Slightly

- This is slightly more complex than what I expected
- The rules are a tad harder to memorize
- Whiskey is slightly less strong than vodka

Individual Vs. Team Sports

Advantages and disadvantages

Personality

Popularity

ANY QUESTIONS
THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION