**Lesson 5 - The Comparative and Superlative Adjectives**



| 1. **How to form Comparative and Superlative Adjectives**  * One syllable adjective, add ***er*** for the comparative and ***est*** for the superlative. If the adjective has a consonant + single vowel + consonant spelling, the final consonant must be doubled before adding the ending.   Example :   * larg**e** large**r** the large**st** * fat fatt**er** the fatt**est** * big bigg**er** the bigg**est** * Two or more syllable adjective, add ***more*** for comparative and ***most*** for the superlative.   Example: beautiful more beautiful the most beautiful  dangerous more dangerous the most dangerous  difficult more difficult the most difficult   * Two-syllable adjective ending in “y” and “y” stands after consonant, change “y” to ***ier*** for comparative and ***iest*** for superlative.   Example: happy happier the happiest  easy easier the easiest  friendly friendlier the friendliest  **Exceptions:** Some special irregular comparatives and superlatives which you should be aware of   * Good Better the Best * Bad Worse the Worst * Much/Many More the Most * Little Less the Least * Far Farther/Further the Farthest/Furthest   **\*Note: There are also comparative or superlative adverbs, and the rules are not different from comparative or superlative adjectives.**  We use comparative adverbs when talking about two actions (not three or more actions).  Ex: - Joe ran fast, but Mary came first because she ran **faster.**  - If you don't study **harder**, you will fail your exam.  - After the accident, he drives **more carefully** now.  - Sopheak speaks the **fastest** of any students in the class. |
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**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Fill in the correct form of the adjectives in the brackets (comparative or superlative).*

1. My house is (big) \_\_\_\_\_bigger\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than yours.
2. This flower is (beautiful) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
3. This is the (interesting) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live (long) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than smokers.
5. Which is the (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is (good) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a holiday in the mountains.
7. It is strange, but often a coke is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a beer.
8. Who is the (rich) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even (bad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
10. He was the (clever) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thief of all.

**Instruction 2:** *Put the adjectives between brackets in the correct form.*

1. My brother has a (tidy) \_\_\_\_tidier\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ room than me.

2. Australia is (big) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than England.

3. I'm (good) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now than yesterday.

4. She's got (little) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money than you, but she doesn't care.

5. He thinks Chinese is (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language in the world.

6. Valencia played (bad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than Real Madrid yesterday.

7. Cats are not (intelligent) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than dogs.

8. Show me (good) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurant downtown.

9. (hot) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desert of all is the Sahara, and it's in Africa.

10. Who is (talkative) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person in yourfamily?

**Instruction 3:** *Make sentences of comparative and superlative adjective.*

| *Make 5 sentences to* ***compare*** *something you want to:*   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |