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



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| 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  3  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 Fad * rthest/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. |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| *Make 5 sentences to* ***compare*** *something you want to:*   1. \_\_You are taller than he.\_\_ 2. \_\_Susi is a smarter than Sreyphech. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_This cat is clever than your bog.\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_Your body fitter than here body.\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_This computer is bigger than my computer.\_\_\_\_ |
| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. \_The dog is the worst.\_\_ 2. \_\_You are the best.\_\_ 3. \_\_My hometown the Farthest.\_\_ 4. \_\_He is the friendliest.\_\_ 5. \_Today I’m happier.\_\_ |