

## Comparatives - form

We make the comparative with:

comparative adjective + "than"

or

"not as" + base adjective + "as".

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If we use "as" + adjective + "as" in the positive, it means the two things are the same:

- Anna is as happy as Sue.
  - I speak English as well as you.
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### Making comparative adjectives

1. For one-syllable adjectives such as: big or sad, we double the final consonant and add "er":
  - bigger
  - sadder

If the base adjective ends with a double consonant we just add "er":

- smaller
  - taller
2. For adjectives with two or more syllables we put "more" or "less" before the adjective:
    - more expensive, less expensive
    - more exciting, less exciting
  3. For two-syllable adjectives which end with the consonant "y", we take away "y" and add "ier":
    - happier
    - crazier

Irregular comparative adjectives include:

- good – better
  - bad – worse
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We can use determiners before comparative adjectives to modify or add emphasis:

- It is much colder in Sweden than in Thailand.
  - James is a bit shorter than Susan.
  - I get up a lot earlier than my sister.
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### Practice

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets:

- Sophie is a **better** singer than Maria. (good)
- Maths is **easier** than physics. (easy)
- A king is **richer** than a doctor. (rich)

## Superlatives - form

We make the superlative with: "the" + superlative adjective

### Making superlative adjectives

- For one-syllable adjectives such as: big or sad, we double the final consonant and add 'est':
  - biggest
  - saddest
- If the base adjective ends with a double consonant we just add 'est':
  - smallest
  - tallest
- For adjectives with two or more syllables we put 'most' or 'least' before the adjective:
  - most expensive, least expensive
  - most exciting, least exciting
- For adjectives which end with the consonant 'y', we take away 'y' and add 'iest':
  - happiest
  - craziest

Irregular superlative adjectives include:

- good – best
- bad – worst

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## Practice

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

- Mrs Smith is the **most amazing** teacher in the college. (amazing)
- That man has the **wildest** dog on our street. (wild)
- That is the **funniest** movie I have ever seen. (funny)

## Further practice

Complete the sentences with the correct answer from a, b, c or d:

- I think New York is \_\_\_\_ than many other cities.

☒ more well-known ☐ the well-known ☐ the more well-known ☐ well-known

- I was \_\_\_\_ to arrive at the meeting.

☐ earliest ☐ the earlier ☐ earliest than ☒ the earliest

- The blue table is \_\_\_\_ the red one.

☐ widest ☐ wider ☐ wider than ☒ widest than

- Luxembourg \_\_\_\_ Russia.

☐ isn't as big ☐ isn't bigger ☐ not as big as ☒ isn't as big as

- My room is much \_\_\_\_ yours.

☐ more tidier than ☐ tidier ☒ tidier than ☐ tidy than

- A dictionary is \_\_\_\_ book to have.

☐ most useful ☒ the most useful ☐ the useful ☐ more useful