**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  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. |

**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) \_\_\_\_the most dangerous\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is (good) \_\_\_better \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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) \_\_\_\_\_most 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) \_\_\_\_bigger\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than England.

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

4. She's got (little) \_\_\_\_\_\_a little\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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. He is taller than me. 2. She is more beautiful than her friend. 3. Coffee is hotter than water. 4. Your house is farther than my house. 5. She speak slowly |
| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. Tutu is the most beautiful girl in her class. 2. I’m the smallest 3. Bobo is the most handsome man in my eyes. 4. Car is the most expensive in this market. 5. I like to eat green tea the most. |