

Language Focus



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Degree of Comparison

If we want to compare the quality of things or people, we can use the degree of comparison in English with certain formula. The class of word that can be used to compare is either “adjective” or “adverb” which are comparable. There are three kinds of formula to show the degree of comparison

Type of Degree of Comparison	Formula	Example	Note
Positive Degree (Equality)	S1+ to be+ as+ adjective/adverb+as+ S2	I want to look as beautiful as my mother	
Comparative Degree	S1+ to be+ adjective + {-er} + than + S2	Learning English is easier than math	For short adjectives such as <i>easy, near, fast, slow,</i>
	S1+ to be +more/less +adjective + than+ S2	Be careful, the road is more slippery than you think.	For long adjectives such as <i>expensive, difficult, reliable</i>

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Irregular Comparative Degree	Subject 1 +to be+ irregular comparative adjective+ than+ Subject 2	Notebook A is better than notebook B.	For some irregular comparative form such as: good-better, bad-worse, far-further, etc.
Superlative Degree	S1+to be+ adjective + {-est} (among....)	Sandy is the smartest student in my school	For short adjectives
	S1+to be+ the most+ adjective+ among....	Among the three basketball players, Beni is the most handsome man!	For long adjectives such as <i>expensive, difficult, reliable</i>

Exercise: Make the comparative dan superlative form of these adjectives.

Example : long longer

- 1 light _____
- 2 efficient _____
- 3 long _____
- 4 wide _____
- 5 heavy _____
- 6 fast _____
- 7 dark _____
- 8 soft _____
- 9 hard _____
- 10 durable _____