Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Comparatives & Superlatives

Rule #1: Avoid using both MORE and the –ER ending to create a double comparative form.

Error: I am more faster than you.

Revision: I am faster than you.

Rule #2: Avoid using both MOST and the –EST ending to create a double superlative form.

Error: He had the most highest grade in class.

Revision: He had the highest grade in class.

Rule #3: Use the words LESS or LEAST to indicate decreasing degrees of comparison.

Error: Out of all of my friends from high school, you are the least likeliest to succeed in life.

Revision: Out of all of my friends from high school, you are the least likely to succeed in life.

Rule #4: Use the superlative form ONLY when you have three or more references of comparison.

Error: Of my two English teachers over the past two years, I think Mr. Marsh is the smartest.

Revision: Of my two English teachers over the past two years, I think Mr. Marsh is the smarter.

Revise the following errors in comparative and superlative usage.

1. I always wished I had been more friendlier to midgets because now I realize just how beneficial it can be to have one as a friend.
2. This is probably the most stupidest grammar we’ve done, but compared to last year, this year is the most difficult.
3. My boss at Subway told us to finish the job much more faster than we had been.
4. Vince’s attempt to cook a turkey in a vat of hot oil was the most strangest recipe; however, after eating my mom’s tofu turkey and the school’s dry turkey, I enjoyed Vince’s more.
5. Connor declared himself the most luckiest man alive at the crowning of the Solanco Beauty Queen Contest.
6. Spring is getting colder every day, but yesterday was the most coldest day we’ve had all season. Thank you very much, Global Warming!

Rule #5: Watch for incomplete comparisons, which sometimes can cause ambiguity.

Error: Thomas likes bowling more than Mary.

Revision: Thomas likes bowling more than Mary does.

Error: The boys in my school are hotter than your school.

Revision: The boys in my school are hotter than those in your school.

Rule #6: Watch for faulty parallelism.

Error: Many teens think that going to plays is not as much fun as movies.

Revision: Many teens think that going to plays is not as much fun as going to movies.

Rule #7: Watch for illogical comparisons. Use the words OTHER or ELSE to compare something with others in the same group.

Error: Hannah-Grace’s tractor is more powerful than any tractor at the Lampeter Fair.

Revision: Hannah-Grace’s tractor is more powerful than any other tractor at the Lampeter Fair.

Error: Pierce usually eats more pancakes than anyone in the contest.

Revision: Pierce usually eats more pancakes than anyone else in the contest.

Rule #8: Watch for comparisons with AS.

Error: Desnique plans to study as hard if not harder than she did last time.

Revision: Desnique plans to study as hard as, if not harder than, she did last time.

Rewrite the following sentences to eliminate any faulty modifiers.

1. At the Lancaster County Jumping Frog Contest, Leah’s frog jumped farther than Makayla.

2. The four square tournament at the Clash of the Classes drew fewer participants than kickball tournament.

3. People say that watching baseball games on TV is better than to go to them.

4. She lies too much; her nose is longer than Pinocchio.

5. Wearing Crocs is less popular than flip flops.

6. Ezra is a better wrestler than anyone on the wrestling team.

1. Megan is more interested in improving her lacrosse skills than Ian.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Comparatives & Superlatives: ANSWERS

Rule #1: Avoid using both MORE and the –ER ending to create a double comparative form.

Error: I am more faster than you.

Revision: I am faster than you.

Rule #2: Avoid using both MOST and the –EST ending to create a double superlative form.

Error: He had the most highest grade in class.

Revision: He had the highest grade in class.

Rule #3: Use the words LESS or LEAST to indicate decreasing degrees of comparison.

Error: Out of all of my friends from high school, you are the least likeliest to succeed in life.

Revision: Out of all of my friends from high school, you are the least likely to succeed in life.

Rule #4: Use the superlative form ONLY when you have three or more references of comparison.

Error: Of my two English teachers over the past two years, I think Mr. Marsh is the smartest.

Revision: Of my two English teachers over the past two years, I think Mr. Marsh is the smarter.

Revise the following errors in comparative and superlative usage.

1. I always wished I had been ~~more~~ friendlier to midgets because now I realize just how beneficial it can be to have one as a friend.
2. This is probably the ~~most~~ stupidest grammar we’ve done, but compared to last year, this year is ~~the~~ MORE difficult.
3. My boss at Subway told us to finish the job much ~~more~~ faster than we had been.
4. Vince’s attempt to cook a turkey in a vat of hot oil was the ~~most~~ strangest recipe; however, after eating my mom’s tofu turkey and the school’s dry turkey, I enjoyed Vince’s THE MOST.
5. Connor declared himself the most luckiest man alive at the crowning of the Solanco Beauty Queen Contest.
6. Spring is getting colder every day, but yesterday was the ~~most~~ coldest day we’ve had all season. Thank you very much, Global Warming!

Rule #5: Watch for incomplete comparisons, which sometimes can cause ambiguity.

Error: Thomas likes bowling more than Mary.

Revision: Thomas likes bowling more than Mary does.

Error: The boys in my school are hotter than your school.

Revision: The boys in my school are hotter than those in your school.

Rule #6: Watch for faulty parallelism.

Error: Many teens think that going to plays is not as much fun as movies.

Revision: Many teens think that going to plays is not as much fun as going to movies.

Rule #7: Watch for illogical comparisons. Use the words OTHER or ELSE to compare something with others in the same group.

Error: Hannah-Grace’s tractor is more powerful than any tractor at the Lampeter Fair.

Revision: Hannah-Grace’s tractor is more powerful than any other tractor at the Lampeter Fair.

Error: Pierce usually eats more pancakes than anyone in the contest.

Revision: Pierce usually eats more pancakes than anyone else in the contest.

Rule #8: Watch for comparisons with AS.

Error: Desnique plans to study as hard if not harder than she did last time.

Revision: Desnique plans to study as hard as, if not harder than, she did last time.

Rewrite the following sentences to eliminate any faulty modifiers.

1. At the Lancaster County Jumping Frog Contest, Leah’s frog jumped farther than Makayla’s.

2. The four square tournament at the Clash of the Classes drew fewer participants than the kickball tournament did.

3. People say that watching baseball games on TV is better than going to them.

4. She lies too much; her nose is longer than Pinocchio’s.

5. Wearing Crocs is less popular than wearing flip flops.

6. Ezra is a better wrestler than anyone else on the wrestling team.

1. Megan is more interested in improving her lacrosse skills than Ian is.