

Chapter 8: Souvenirs: 8-7b Structure 8.2

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### Making comparisons *Le comparatif et le superlatif des adjectifs*

#### Comparative

The following structures are used in descriptions that compare people and things.

+	plus (adjectif) que
–	moins (adjectif) que
=	aussi (adjectif) que

Je suis **plus grande que** toi.     *I'm taller than you.*

Je suis **moins prudent que** lui.     *I'm less careful than him.*

Elle est **aussi stricte que** moi?     *Is she as strict as me?*

The irregular adjective **bon** has three comparative forms:

+	meilleur(e)(s) que	<i>better than</i>
–	moins bon(ne)(s) que / pire(s) que	<i>worse than</i>
=	aussi bon(ne)(s) que	<i>as good as</i>

Il est **meilleur que** nous.     *He's better than us.*

Ce film est **aussi bon que** le dernier.     *That film is as good as the last one.*

Tu es **pire que** Pierre en anglais?     *Are you worse than Peter in English?*

#### Superlative

It is used for expressing extremes and for singling out an item in a group. Note that **de** after a superlative in French may be translated as *in* or *of* in English.

le

la + plus + adjectif + (de)  
moins

les

Mon frère est **le plus** sérieux      *My brother is the most serious*  
**de** ma famille.                      *in my family.*

**Bon** and **mauvais** have irregular superlative forms.

C'est **la meilleure** idée.              *It's the best idea.*  
C'était **le pire moment de** ma      *It was the worst moment in my*  
vie.    *life.*

Remember that a small group of adjectives precede the noun (**bon, mauvais, petit, grand...**) and all others follow.

- Adjectives that precede the noun:

C'est **la plus longue** journéede      *It's the longest day of my life.*  
ma vie.

- Adjectives that normally follow the noun:

J'ai choisi le livre **le plus**              *I chose the most difficult book*  
**difficile** à lire.                      *to read.*

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