**Lesson 5 - The Comparative and Superlative Adjectives**

1. **Superlative Adjective**

Superlative adjectives are used to describe an object which is at the upper or lower limit of a quality *(the tallest, the smallest, the fastest, the highest)*. They are used in sentences where a subject is compared to a group of objects.

**Example:**

* My house is the largest one in our neighborhood.
* This is the smallest box I've ever seen.
* Your dog ran the fastest of any dog in the race.
* Jupiter is the biggest planet in our Solar System

1. **Comparative Adjective**

Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between the two objects that they modify (larger, smaller, faster, higher). They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared

**Example:**

* My house is larger than hers.
* This box is smaller than the one I lost.
* Your dog runs faster than Jim's dog.
* The rock flew higher than the roof.

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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** large**st** * tall tall**er** the tall**est** * thin thin**ner** thinn**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 Best * Bad Worse Worst * Much/Many More Most * Little Less Least * Far Farther/Further Farthest/Furthest |

**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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than that one.
3. This is the (interesting) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live (long) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than smokers.
5. Which is the (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is (good) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a holiday in the mountains.
7. It is strange, but often a coke is (expensive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than a beer.
8. Who is the (rich) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even (bad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
10. He was the (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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than England.

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

4. She's got (little) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ money than you, but she doesn't care.

5. He thinks Chinese is (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ language in the world.

6. Valencia played (bad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_than Real Madrid yesterday.

7. Cats are not (intelligent) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than dogs.

8. Show me (good) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ restaurant downtown.

9. (hot) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desert of all is the Sahara, and it's in Africa.

10. Who is (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. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |