**Degree modifiers with comparatives and superlatives**

**Adjectives**and **adverbs** in their comparative and superlative degrees can be modified by certain words and phrases that intensify their degree. Common modifiers used with comparative and superlative adjectives are:**much, far, very much, a lot, lots, any, no, rather, little, a bit**and **even**.

Note that the modifier **very** cannot be used with **comparatives.**

* She is **much older**than her husband. (NOT She is very older than her husband.)
* She is **far more dependable**than her brother.
* I’m **a whole lot happier** now.
* She is**no better**than him.
* I would buy that watch if it was **a little less expensive.**
* She looks **no older** than her daughter.
* Her performance was **even worse** than her co-star’s.
* She would have finished that job **rather more quickly.**
* She is **a lot less careful** than her sister.
* Their attitude was **a little less enthusiastic**.

Note that when **more**modifies a plural noun, it is modified by**many**instead of **much.**

* If you have a degree, you will find many more opportunities.
* She makes much more money than her husband.

To modify superlatives, we can use words and expressions like **much, by far, quite, almost, practically, nearly, easily**etc.

* She is**much the most intelligent**of them all.
* She’s **by far the most** talented.
* She’s **quite the most**amazing person I’ve ever met.
* This is **easily the worst film** I’ve seen in a long time.

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