**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 dogs 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** the large**st** * fat fatt**er** the fatt**est** * big bigg**er** the bigg**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 the Best * Bad Worse the Worst * Much/Many More the Most * Little Less the Least * Far Farther/Further the Farthest/Furthest   **\*Note: There are also comparative or superlative adverbs, and the rules are not different from comparative or superlative adjectives.**  We use comparative adverbs when talking about two actions (not three or more actions).  Ex: - Joe ran fast, but Mary came first because she ran **faster.**  - If you don't study **harder**, you will fail your exam.  - After the accident, he drives **more carefully** now.  - Sopheak speaks the **fastest** of any students in the class. |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Who is (talkative) the most talkative person in yourfamily?

**Instruction 3:** *Make sSentences of comparative and superlative adjective.*

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| *Make 5 sentences to* ***compare*** *something you want to:*   1. I am better than my friends. 2. Sreyny is happier than chhaiya. 3. Teacher is luckier than students. 4. I am is shorter than you. |

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| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. I am the most beautiful at my hometown. 2. You are the tallest in the class. 3. Chhaiya is the most pretty in the class. 4. The dog is the worst in my home. 5. The durian is the most expensive in my hometown. |