

COMPARISON

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Write these adjectives in the right group.

bad	brave	sad	tidy	difficult	wide	rich	hot	short
interesting	pretty	cheap	safe	careful	lazy	hot	good	
big	large	useful	dangerous	popular	tall			

1. +er, + est

cheap cheaper cheapest

2. +consonant -er, + est

hot hotter hottest

3. +r, + st

safe safer safest

4. +ier, + iest

lazy lazier laziest

5. more, most + adjective

careful more careful most careful

6. irregular

good better best

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Complete the sentences. Use a comparative.

- Sue's car isn't very big. She wants a **bigger** one.
- This house isn't very modern. I prefer **more modern** houses.
- You're not very tall. Your brother is
- Bill doesn't work very hard. I work
- My chair isn't very comfortable. Yours is
- Jill's idea wasn't very good. My idea was
- These flowers aren't very nice. The blue ones are
- My case isn't very heavy. Your case is
- I'm not very interested in art. I'm in history.
- It isn't very warm today. It was yesterday.
- These tomatoes don't taste very good. The other ones tasted
- Britain isn't very big. France is
- London isn't very beautiful. Paris is
- This knife isn't very sharp. Have you got a one?

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Complete the sentences using a comparative form (older / more important etc.).

- It's too noisy here. Can we go somewhere ... **quieter**?
- This coffee is very weak. I like it a bit
- The hotel was surprisingly big. I expected it to be
- The hotel was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be
- The weather is too cold in this country. I'd like to live somewhere
- My job is a bit boring sometimes. I'd like to do something
- I was surprised how easy it was to use the computer. I thought it would be
- Your work isn't very good. I'm sure you can do
- Don't worry. The situation isn't so bad. It could be
- I was surprised we got here so quickly. I expected the journey to take
- You're talking very loudly. Can you speak a bit ?
- You hardly ever phone me. Why don't you phone me
- You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit
- You were a bit depressed yesterday but you look today.

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Complete the sentences. Each time use the comparative form of one of the words in the Use than where necessary.

big	crowded	early	easily	high	important
interested	peaceful	reliable	serious	simple	thin

- I was feeling tired last night, so I went to bed .. **earlier than** usual.
- I'd like to have a ... **more reliable** ... car. The one I've got keeps breaking down.
- Unfortunately her illness was we thought at first.
- You look Have you lost weight?
- I want a flat. We don't have enough space here.
- He doesn't study very hard. He's in having a good time.
- Health and happiness are money.
- The instructions were very complicated. They could have been
- There were a lot of people on the bus. It was us.
- I like living in the countryside. It's living in a town.
- You'll find your way around the town if you have a good map.
- In some parts of the country, prices are in others.

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Write sentences with as ... as ...

- 1 Athens is older than Rome. Rome isn't as old as Athens.
- 2 My room is bigger than yours. Your room isn't
- 3 You got up earlier than me. I didn't
- 4 We played better than them. They didn't
- 5 I've been here longer than you. You haven't

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Put in as or than.

- 1 Athens is older than Rome.
- 2 I don't watch TV as much as you.
- 3 You eat more than me.
- 4 I feel better than I felt yesterday.
- 5 Jim isn't as clever as he thinks.
- 6 Belgium is smaller than Switzerland.
- 7 Brazil isn't as big as Canada.
- 8 I can't wait longer than an hour.

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Complete the sentences using as...as. Choose one of the following:

bad comfortable fast long often quietly soon well well-qualified

- 1 I'm sorry I'm a bit late. I got here as fast as I could.
- 2 It was a difficult question. I answered it as quickly as I could.
- 3 'How long can I stay with you?' 'You can stay as long as you like.'
- 4 I need the information quickly, so please let me know as soon as possible.
- 5 I like to keep fit, so I go swimming as often as I can.
- 6 I didn't want to wake anybody, so I came in as quietly as I could.

In the following sentences use just as...as.

- 7 I'm going to sleep on the floor. It's as uncomfortable as sleeping in that hard bed.
- 8 Why did he get the job rather than me? I'm as bad as him.
- 9 At first I thought you were nice but really you're worse than everybody else.

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Complete the sentences using as...as.

- 1 I'm quite tall but you are taller. I'm not as tall as you.
- 2 My salary is high but yours is higher. My salary isn't as high as yours.
- 3 You know a bit about cars but I know more. You don't know as much as I do.
- 4 It's still cold but it was colder yesterday. It isn't as cold as it was yesterday.
- 5 I still feel a bit tired but I felt a lot more tired yesterday. I don't feel as tired as I did yesterday.
- 6 They've lived here for quite a long time but we've lived here longer. They haven't been here as long as we have.
- 7 I was a bit nervous before the interview but usually I'm a lot more nervous. I wasn't as nervous as I usually am.

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Use the words in brackets to complete the sentences. Use much / a bit etc. + a comparison. Use than where necessary.

- 1 Her illness was much more serious than we thought at first. (much / serious)
- 2 This bag is too small. I need something (much / same)
- 3 I'm afraid the problem is it seems. (much / compared)
- 4 You looked depressed this morning but you look now. (a bit / happy)
- 5 I enjoyed our visit to the museum. It was (far / interesting)
- 6 You're driving too fast. Could you drive? (a bit / slowly)
- 7 It's to learn a foreign language in the count. it is spoken. (a lot / easy)
- 8 I thought she was younger than me but in fact she's (slightly / old)

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Complete the sentences using the structure in Section C (...and...).

- 1 It's becoming harder and harder to find a job. (hard)
- 2 That hole in your pullover is getting bigger and bigger.
- 3 My bags seemed to get heavier and heavier as I carried them. (heavy)
- 4 As I waited for my interview, I became tired and more tired. (tired)
- 5 As the day went on, the weather got worse and worse.
- 6 Travelling is becoming more expensive and more expensive. (expensive)
- 7 Since she has been in Britain, her English has got better and better.
- 8 As the conversation went on, he became taller and taller. (tall)

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Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (the oldest etc.).

- 1 This building is very old. It's the oldest building in the town.
- 2 It was a very happy day. It was the happiest day of my life.
- 3 It's a very good film. It's the best film I've ever seen.
- 4 She's a very popular singer. She's the most popular singer in our country.
- 5 It was a very bad mistake. It was the worst mistake I've ever made.
- 6 It's a very pretty village. It's the prettiest village I've ever seen.
- 7 It was a very cold day. It was the coldest day of the year.
- 8 He's a very interesting person. He's the most interesting person I've ever met.

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Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most...) + a preposition.

- 1 It's a very nice room. It ... is the nicest room in ... the hotel.
- 2 It's a very cheap restaurant. It's the town.
- 3 It was a very happy day. It was my life.
- 4 She's a very intelligent student. She the class.
- 5 It's a very valuable painting. It the gallery.
- 6 Spring is a very busy time for me. It the year.

In the following sentences use one of + a superlative + a preposition.

- 7 It's a very nice room. It ... is one of the nicest rooms in ... the hotel.
- 8 He's a very rich man. He's one the world.
- 9 It's a very old castle. It Britain.
- 10 She's a very good player. She the team.
- 11 It was a very bad experience. It my life.
- 12 He's a very dangerous criminal. He the country.

13 Write sentences.

1. The Parthenon/old/building/world
The Parthenon is one of the oldest buildings in the world.
2. Norway/beautiful/country/Europe
3. The Grand Canyon/interesting/place/world
4. Canada/cold/country/world
5. The Rhine/busy/river/Europe
6. Brasilia/modern/city/world
7. California/large/state/the United States



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What do you say in these situations? Use a superlative + ...ever.... Use the words given in brackets (in the correct form).

- 1 You've just been to the cinema. The film was extremely boring. You tell your friend:
(boring/film/see) ... That's the most boring film I've ever seen....
- 2 Your friend has just told you a joke, which you think is very funny. You say:
(funny/joke/hear) That's
- 3 You're drinking coffee with a friend. It's really good coffee. You say:
(good/coffee/taste) This
- 4 You are talking to a friend about Mary. Mary is very patient. You tell your friend about her:
(patient/person/meet) She
- 5 You have just run ten kilometres. You've never run further than this. You say to your friend:
(far/run) That
- 6 You decided to give up your job. Now you think this was a bad mistake. You say to your friend:
(bad/mistake/make) It
- 7 Your friend meets a lot of people, some of them famous. You ask your friend:
(famous/person/meet?) Who

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Complete the sentences. Use a superlative (-est or most...) or a comparative (-er or mo

- 1 We stayed at ... the cheapest ... hotel in the town. (cheap)
- 2 Our hotel was ... cheaper ... than all the others in the town. (cheap)
- 3 The United States is very large but Canada is (large)
- 4 What's river in the world? (long)
- 5 He was a bit depressed yesterday but he looks today.
- 6 It was an awful day. It was day of my life. (bad)
- 7 What is sport in your country? (popular)
- 8 Everest is mountain in the world. It is than any other mountain. (high)
- 9 We had a great holiday. It was one of the holidays we' had. (enjoyable)
- 10 I prefer this chair to the other one. It's (comfortable)
- 11 What's way of getting from here to the station? (quick)
- 12 Mr and Mrs Brown have got three daughters. is 14 y (old)

I. Fill in the correct degree of comparison:

positive - comparative - superlative

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1. Wool is in England than in Austria. (cheap)
2. Tom's test was very but Bob's was even (bad)
3. My friend is not so as I am. I'm the bo in our class. (tall)
4. This time our dictation was not as as last time. (difficult)
5. The Browns have a house in our street. Oh no, ou is even (beautiful)
6. Mr. Lewis is a driver. But my father is eve (good)
7. The new dress was than I thought. (expensive)
8. This was the film I had ever seen. (bad)
9. I earn than he does. (little)
10. Sue can type as as I can (fast) but Mary is (good)
11. My little brother makes mistakes than I do. (few)
12. She is the girl I have ever seen. (polite)
13. Carol is girl in our class. (careful)
14. My case is than yours, but John's is the (heavy)
15. She is than I thought. She will give the answers. (selfish)
16. Pam is even than last year, she is the girl I know. (pretty)