

26.1**Degrees of Comparison (Irregular Forms)****• Practice 1**

Irregular Forms The irregular comparative and superlative forms of certain adjectives and adverbs must be memorized.

IRREGULAR MODIFIERS		
Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bad	worse	worst
badly	worse	worst
far (distance)	farther	farthest
far (extent)	further	furthest
good	better	best
ill	worse	worst
late	later	last or latest
little (amount)	less	least
many	more	most
much	more	most
well	better	best

Exercise 1 **Forming Irregular Comparative and Superlative Degrees.** Write the appropriate form of the modifier in parentheses to complete each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Tanya is a better athlete than her twin sister. (good)

- Soccer is the sport Eddy plays _____ of all. (well)
- We hiked until we could go no _____. (far)
- Hillary felt _____ about the unkind remark than about anything else. (bad)
- Phil ate the _____ amount of food of anyone at the party. (little)
- Elsa was the _____ guest to leave. (late)
- Jed needed no _____ explanation. (far)
- This is the _____ meal I ever ate. (good)
- Suddenly the patient became _____ than before. (ill)
- I did _____ of all on Part IV of the test. (badly)
- This week's winner won the _____ money ever in a sweepstakes. (much)

Exercise 2 **Using Adjectives and Adverbs to Make Comparisons.** Use each modifier in a sentence of your own that shows a clear comparison. Use three comparative forms and two superlatives.

EXAMPLE: (many) Jenny ate more cookies than I did.

- (bad) _____
- (badly) _____
- (good) _____
- (little) _____
- (well) _____