

25.1**Comparison of Irregular Adjectives and Adverbs • Practice 1**

The Comparative and Superlative of Irregular Modifiers Learn the irregular comparative and superlative forms of certain adjectives and adverbs.

DEGREES OF IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS		
Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bad	worse	worst
badly	worse	worst
far (distance)	farther	farthest
far (extent)	further	furthest
good	better	best
well	better	best
many	more	most
much	more	most

Exercise 1 **Recognizing the Degree of Irregular Modifiers.** Indicate the degree of the underlined word in each of the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Sam did well in yesterday's race. positive

- Roxie has more money than anyone else in her family. _____
- Joe is the best player on his team. _____
- We traveled far to find what we were looking for. _____
- We must discuss this matter further. _____
- Ralph did badly on his math test. _____
- Sue said that Jim is the worst dancer she has ever seen. _____
- Many people feel that securing peace is the President's most important responsibility. _____
- Lois is a better student than Bruno. _____
- The field was in better shape than any of the players expected it to be. _____
- Horace is the most conceited person I know. _____

Exercise 2 **Using the Comparative and Superlative Forms of Irregular Modifiers.** Complete each sentence with the form of the modifier requested in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: The hikers could go no farther. (*far*, comparative)

- This is the _____ blizzard in many years. (*bad*, superlative)
- The patient gradually got _____. (*well*, comparative)
- Those mountains are _____ away than I thought. (*far*, comparative)
- The cast gave its _____ performance on opening night. (*good*, superlative)
- Cars use _____ gas at high speeds. (*much*, comparative)
- The attorney wished to question the witness _____. (*far*, comparative)
- Some people work _____ under pressure. (*well*, superlative)
- Betsy played _____ than usual because she was nervous. (*badly*, comparative)
- Beth got the _____ hits of all of us. (*many*, superlative)
- The third present was the one that pleased me _____. (*much*, superlative)

25.1**Comparison of Irregular Adjectives and Adverbs • Practice 2**

Exercise 1 **Recognizing the Degree of Irregular Modifiers.** In the space provided, indicate the degree of the underlined word in each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE: Uncle Fred's collection of timepieces includes many official railroad clocks. positive

1. Vinnie enjoyed Monkey Island more than any other part of the zoo. _____
2. How can Maureen sing as well as she does with a head cold? _____
3. The worst suggestion of all was that we paint the gym floor silver for the dance. _____
4. As I read further, I realized why the prime suspect couldn't have committed the crime. _____
5. Caroline's schoolwork has gotten better since she became interested in reading. _____
6. Although the rink was in bad condition, we managed to have a good time ice-skating. _____
7. I thought our team did best in the egg-tossing contest. _____
8. Juan had hiked the farthest when the competition ended. _____
9. Completing the reading list will look good on your record. _____
10. Which of you has eaten the most pudding? _____

Exercise 2 **Using the Comparative and Superlative Degrees of Irregular Modifiers.** In the blank space in each sentence, write the form of the modifier requested in parentheses.

EXAMPLE: The fog seems worse this morning. (*bad*, comparative)

1. Sid ran _____ when he lived in the city. (*much*, comparative)
2. The _____ she can do is to disagree with you. (*bad*, superlative)
3. The piano sounds _____ since we removed the tennis ball from its strings. (*good*, comparative)
4. Pluto is the _____ planet from the sun. (*far*, superlative)
5. Terry plays softball even _____ than I do. (*badly*, comparative)
6. I have written _____ stories this week than ever before. (*many*, comparative)
7. My dog behaves _____ just after she has eaten. (*well*, superlative)
8. What surprised me _____ was Sharon's ability to predict the outcome. (*much*, comparative)
9. Our china and glassware fared the _____ at the hands of the third company of movers. (*badly*, superlative)
10. The _____ photograph captured Leroy while he was still standing on the inner tube. (*good*, superlative)