

COMPARISON DEGREE

There are three kinds of comparison:

1. positive degree
2. comparative degree
3. Superlative degree

- **Positive Degree** → is used to compare two things that are equal.

The pattern

S + to be + **as + adj + as**

S + verb + **as + adv + as**

Examples

1. My book is **as interesting as** yours
2. His car runs **as fast as** a race car
3. Their house is **as big as** that one

- **Comparative Degree** → is used to compare two things that are not equal.

The Pattern for 1 syllable

S + to be + **adj + er + than**

S + verb + **adv + er + than**

Examples

1. Today is **hotter than** yesterday
2. Bill runs **faster than** Bob
3. This exercise is **easier than** the last one
4. Andi works **harder than** his brother

The pattern for more than two syllables

S + to be + more + adj + than

S + verb + more + adv + than

Examples

1. This red dress is **more comfortable than** the white
2. He speaks Spanish **more fluently than** I
3. This year's exhibit is **more impressive than** the last year's
4. He visits his family **more frequently than** she does

- **Superlative Degree** → is used to compare one thing with two or more other things.

The pattern for 1 syllable

S + to be + the + adj + est

S + verb + the + adv + est

Examples

1. John is **the tallest** boy in the family
2. He works **the hardest** employee of all the employee in this office.

The pattern for more than two syllables

S + to be + the most + adj

S + verb + the most + adv

Examples

1. That was the most **boring** film I have ever seen
2. Sally dances the most **gracefully** of all the participant

NOTE

- * Use the form *more* + adjective for adjective ending in the following suffixes: *-ed*, *-ful*, *-ing*, *-ish* and *ous* (more useful, more boring, more cautious)
- * When an adjective ends in a consonant +y, change the y to *i* and add *-er* or *-est* (happy-happier/ the happiest, dry-drier/the driest) and for *-some*, *-ow* and add *-er* or *-est* (handsomer/the handsomest, narrower/the narrowest)

| POSITIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| Bad | Worse | The worst |
| Far | Farther | The Farthest |
| | Further | The Furthest |
| Good | Better | The best |
| Well | Better | the best |
| Little | Less | The least |
| much/many | more | The most |

For example

1. His behavior is as _____ (bad) as his brother's.
2. New York has _____ (many) tall buildings of any city in the world
3. She knits as _____ (good) as her mother
4. Alisa plays the violin _____ (good) than the other violinist

Exercises

1. You can tell Harris about it just _____(easily) as I can.
2. That tall woman is _____ (ambitious) secretary in this house.
3. Pierre understands English _____ (little) of all the students
4. He plays guitar _____ (well) as Andre Segovia.
5. Nobody is _____ (happy) than Maria Elen
6. Brazil export _____ (much) coffee of all the American countries