**Lesson 5 - The Comparative and Superlative Adjectives**

**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.

**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

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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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**most interesting**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live (long) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**longer**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than smokers.
5. Which is the (dangerous) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**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) \_\_\_\_\_**richest**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even (bad) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**worse**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than last summer.
10. He was the (clever) \_\_\_\_\_\_**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) \_\_\_\_**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) **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 sentences of comparative and superlative adjective.*

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| *Make 5 sentences to* ***compare*** *something you want to:*   1. I’m bigger than my younger sister. 2. She is better than me. 3. Dog is more beautiful than dog. 4. She is smarter than he. 5. This book is more delicious than that book. |
| *Make 5 sentences about* ***Superlative adjective****:*   1. Her tree is the tallest tree in the world. 2. These clothes are the cheapest in the store. 3. The lake is the longest lake in the world. 4. The coldest weather tonight. 5. He is the smartest student in the class. |