

COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES



Mary



Pam

Mary is six years old and Pam is ten years old.

Mary is **younger** than Pam.

Pam is **older** than Mary.

	Positive	Comparative
One syllable adjective	old	older
One syllable adjective ending in -e, + -r	nice	nicer
One syllable adjective ending in 1 consonant preceded by 1 vowel – double the final consonant. Don't double -y, -w	big	bigger
Adjectives of 1 or 2 syllables ending in -y. Change -y into -i and add -er	happy	happier
Some two syllable adjectives:	clever narrow	cleverer / more clever narrower / more narrow
Adjectives of 2 or more syllables: Add <u>more</u> before the adjective	difficult	more difficult
Irregular adjectives	good bad far	better worse farther / further

We use the **comparative adjective + than** to compare two people, things, places...

Ex: John is **taller than** Sue.

My car is **more expensive than** yours.

Paris is **bigger than** Madrid

SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES



Mary



Pam



John

Mary is six years old, Pam is ten years old and John is thirteen years old.

Mary is ***the youngest***. John is ***the oldest***.

	Positive	Superlative
One syllable adjective	old	The oldest
One syllable adjective ending in -e, + -st	nice	The nicest
One syllable adjective ending in 1 consonant preceded by 1 vowel – double the final consonant. Don't double -y, -w	big	The biggest
Adjectives of 1 or 2 syllables ending in -y. Change -y into -i and add -est	happy	The happiest
Some two syllable adjectives:	clever narrow	The cleverest / the most clever The narrowest / the most narrow
Adjectives of 2 or more syllables: Add <u>the most</u> before the adjective	difficult	The most difficult
Irregular adjectives	good bad far	The best The worst The farthest / the furthest

We use the superlative adjectives to point out one person, thing, place from a group...

*Peter is ***the tallest*** in the class.*

*These are ***the most expensive*** shoes.*

*The Everest is ***the highest*** mountain in the world.*

COMPARATIVES / PRACTICE

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE
young	
good	
pretty	
fat	
wet	
light	
comfortable	
boring	
bad	
cold	
far	
interesting	
long	
noisy	
new	
famous	
late	
easy	

Complete these sentences with the comparative form of the adjectives in brackets:

- a. My grandma is _____ than my mum. (old)
- b. Maths exams are usually _____ (easy) than English exams.
- c. My town is _____ (far) away from London than New York.
- d. One of my friends is _____ (pretty) than Britney Spears.
- e. Chocolate cake is _____ (tasty) than apple cake.
- f. The girls in my class are _____ (clever) than the boys.
- g. Books are usually _____ (interesting) than films.
- h. Fruit is _____ (good) for me than chocolate.

Fill in with the comparative form of the adjectives adding than, as in the example:

- a. My brother is five years ***older than*** (old) me.
- b. Italy is _____ (warm) Iceland.
- c. Lake Superior is _____ (big) Lake Michigan.
- d. I think that Maths is _____ (difficult) English.
- e. A taxi is _____ (expensive) the bus.
- f. Fruit is _____ (good) for you than chocolate cake.
- g. My best friend is _____ (clever) I am.
- h. My new jeans are _____ (nice) my old ones.
- i. Mark is 4 centimetres _____ (tall) he was a year ago.
- j. Trains are _____ (fast) cars but _____ (slow) planes.

Write some sentences comparing two friends, two things and two places:

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Fill in these sentences with the words from the box and the correct superlative adjective.

Russia – Mount Everest – Lake Baikal – Vatican city – The cheetah – The Nile

1. _____ is _____ (deep) lake in the world.
2. _____ is _____ (fast) animal in the world.
3. _____ is _____ (high) mountain in the world.
4. _____ is _____ (long) river in the world.
5. _____ is _____ (small) country in the world.
6. _____ is _____ (big) country in the world.

Write sentences about your friends using superlative adjectives:

1. (strong boy) _____
2. (tall boy) _____
3. (short girl) _____
4. (funny student) _____
5. (good student) _____
6. (fast runner) _____

Fill in the superlative form of the adjectives adding any necessary words as in the example.

1. Mr Clark has got **the fastest** (fast) car in our street.
2. The Pacific is _____ (large) ocean in the world.
3. Mt Everest is _____ (high) mountain in the world.
4. This is _____ (expensive) pair of shoes I have.
5. Kate is _____ (old) of all the sisters.
6. I think Brad Pitt is _____ (famous) actor in Hollywood.
7. My mum is _____ (good) mum in the world.
8. The English test was _____ (easy) of all.
9. That must be _____ (bad) film ever made.
10. _____ (hot) place on Earth is the Lut Desert in Iran.

Comparative – Superlatives

Peter is younger **than** Sarah.

Use the **comparative adjective + than** to compare **two** people, things or places

Paul is **the tallest** in the class.

Use the superlative adjective preceded by **the**. We use **in** to refer to places and **of** to refer to groups.

*The Burj Dubai is the highest building **in** the world.*

*Jack is the oldest **of** all.*

Fill in the gaps with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets, adding any necessary words (the / than), as in the example:

1. Sarah thinks tennis is **the most boring** (boring)sports of all.
2. The blue jacket is _____ (cheap) the green one.
3. Caroline is a _____ (good) swimmer than Chris.
4. Michael is _____ (intelligent) boy in the whole school.
5. I believe that documentaries _____ (interesting) other TV programmes.
6. Lionel Messi is _____ (talented) football player in the world.
7. Neptune is _____ (cold) planet in our solar system.
8. This novel is _____ (interesting) the one I read a month ago.
9. Today is _____ (happy) day of my life!
10. A cheetah runs _____ (fast) a lion.

Fill in the gaps with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives in brackets:

A: Did you stay in yesterday morning?

B: oh, no, we went to the new museum.

A: What was it like?

B: Well, it's the 1. biggest building I've ever seen. It has 2. _____ (good) exhibitions than other museums but it is 3. _____ (expensive), too.

A: What was 4. _____ (nice) thing you saw there?

B: I thought the dinosaur room was the 5. _____ (interesting) part. However, my parents found the Viking room 6. _____ (enjoyable) than the dinosaurs.

A: well, it all sounds very interesting. I'll have to go soon.

Use the adjectives in the comparative or superlative form to complete the email below.

Hi Pedro!

I'm having the **1. best (good)** time here in York, in the North of England. It isn't **2. _____ (big)** than Madrid, but it isn't truly one of **the 3. _____ (beautiful)** cities in Europe!

York has many different sights to see. York Minster is **the 4. _____ (famous)** on. It is **5. _____ (big)** than any other cathedral in the country. Actually, it is one of **the 6. _____ (large)** cathedrals in Europe!

There are also many museums to visit here because York has one of **7. _____ (rich)** histories in England.

Yesterday, I visited York Castle Museum. **The 8. _____ (interesting)** exhibition there is the York Castle Prison, where you can see what life was really like in the 18th century prisons. It was **9. _____ (bad)** than you can imagine, that's for sure!

York is definitely one of **the 10. _____ (nice)** places you can visit. I hope we can come together one day!

Love, Katie.