

Adjectives - Degrees of Comparison

An **adjective** is a word that qualifies a noun. When one thing or person is compared or contrasted with another or others in respect of a certain attribute, we use a comparison that can express equality, superiority or inferiority. It can also express supremacy of one person or thing.

There are 3 degrees of comparison: **positive**, **comparative** and **superlative**.

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Short adjectives	cold	colder than	the coldest
	pretty	prettier than	the prettiest
	hot	hotter than	the hottest
Long adjectives	interesting	more interesting than	the most interesting

As you can see the way we form the comparative and the superlative depends on the size of the adjective. However, there are some adjectives that don't follow this rule. They are **exceptions**.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better (than)	the best
bad	worse (than)	the worst
little	less (than)	the least
much	more (than)	the most
many		
far	farther (than) further (than)	the farthest the furthest
late	later (than) latter	the latest the last
old	older (than) elder (than)	the oldest the eldest



Comparative	Inferiority	This film is less interesting than that one. Today is less cold than yesterday.
	Equality	This film is as interesting as the one I watched yesterday.
	Superiority	That film is more interesting than that one. Yesterday was colder than today.

Superlative	Inferiority	This film is the least interesting one I have ever seen. Today is the least cold day of this week.
	Superiority	That film is the most interesting one I have ever seen. Yesterday was the coldest day of this week.

Now, let's practise.

I- Complete the sentences with the right degree of comparison of the given adjective.



- 1- This cake is _____ (good) the one you baked last week.
- 2- This exercise is _____ (easy) than we expected.
- 3- Don't travel by plane. It's _____ (expensive) than the train.
- 4- Are you feeling better now? - No, I am _____ (bad). I have a terrible headache.
- 5- Have you heard any _____ (far) news from John?
- 6- It's a long trip to Sidney. It's _____ (far) than I thought.
- 7- She is _____ (kind) woman I have ever met.
- 8- Which one is _____ (old), you or your brother?
- 9- This dress is _____ (cheap) that one. They cost the same.
- 10- Last night I went to bed _____ (early) than my sister. She stayed up till 2 a.m.
- 11- These are _____ (thrilling) holidays we have ever had.
- 12- John's _____ (young) nephew married my cousin Alice.
- 13- Your coffee is not _____ (tasty) as my mother's.
- 14- She is listening to _____ (late) news about the hurricane.
- 15- My mother is much _____ (patient) my father. She never loses control of herself.
- 16- Our hotel was very big. I expected it to be _____ (small).
- 17- My job has become a bit boring. I would like to have a _____ (exciting) one.
- 18- This city has become _____ (frightening) it used to be. There is so much criminality!
- 19- How many eggs do we have in the fridge? - _____ (little) than we need for the cake.
- 20- It's too noisy here. Can we go to somewhere _____ (quiet).
- 21- Although they are twins, one is _____ (handsome) than the other.
- 22- This is _____ (dirty) street we have ever lived. It seems everybody throws their garbage on the ground.
- 23- _____ (little) you can do is to apologise for being so inconvenient.
- 24- Both Maths and Chemistry are difficult subjects for me, but _____ (late) is _____ (difficult) one. I hate those chemical reactions in the lab.
- 25- My slice of cake is _____ (thin) than yours! That's not fair.

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