



Comparatives

Adjectives

Comparative -

adjective + er

tall - taller

old – older

large – larger

short adjectives



Box A is larger than box B.

Box B is smaller than box A.

Box B is as heavy as box A. (they are the same)

Box B is not as large as box A. (less)

Box A is not as small as box B.



Adjectives + y

heavy – heav**ier**

happ**y** – happ**ier**

The man is heavier than the woman.

The woman is lighter than the man.

The man is as young as the woman.

The woman is is not as heavy as the man.

The man is not as light as the woman.

} less heavy than

} less light than



Peter is sa**dd**er than John.

John is happier than Peter.



The cruise ship is big**ger**
than the tugboat.

The tugboat is smaller than
the cruise ship.

Double consonants

CVC – double last consonant

Big – big**ger**

Hot – hot**ter**

Sad - sa**dd**er

7.6 IQ	19 IQ	73 IQ
Lion	Dog	Octopus
		

Long adjectives intelligent – more intelligent

An octopus is **more intelligent than** a dog.

A dog is **less intelligent than** an octopus.

A dog is **not as intelligent as** an octopus.



A

B

Prosthesis A is **more expensive than** B.

B is **less expensive than** A.

B is **not as realistic as** A.

Comparatives and superlatives

Tall – taller – the tallest

Short – shorter – the shortest

High – higher – the highest

Big – bigger – the biggest

Hot – hotter – the hottest

Low – lower (exception to CVC) the lowest

Large – larger – the largest

Funny – funnier – the funniest (but shy shyer the shyest)

Expensive – more/ the most expensive

Difficult – more/ the most difficult

Superlatives

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.

Luca is **the tallest** in the class.

Medicine has **the most** difficult entrance exam.

Exercise

1. A bachelor's degree is _____ a master's. (long)
2. 100°C is _____ 100°F. (hot)
3. The CEO is _____ the CFO. (senior)
4. A pebble is _____ a boulder. (large)
5. The Medicine Department is _____ Department. (important)
6. A hill is _____ a mountain. (tall)
7. Radiology is _____ degree course. (useful)



Exercise

1 A university degree is _____ a school diploma. (expensive)

2 A dog is generally _____ a person. (short)

3 Italy is _____ Britain. (warm)

4 Trieste is _____ Milan. (large)

5 Katrina is _____ than us. (old)

6 A tree is _____ a plant. (tall)

Adverbs

Adverbs ending in -ly

- quickly more quickly the most quickly
- accurately more accurately the most accurately

Short adverbs not ending in -ly

- Hard harder the hardest
- Fast faster the fastest
- Late later the latest

Adverbs

- Usain Bolt runs faster **er than** anyone.
- Usain Bolt runs **more quickly than** Sebastian Coe.
- Your results aren't very precise. You need to do your calculations **more accurately** next time.

Irregular adverbs and adjectives

• Bad/badly	worse	the worst
• Far	farther (further)	the farthest (the furthest)
• Little	less	the least
• Good /Well	better	the best

Comparatives with nouns

- We've got **more** exams **than** other degree courses.
- Other degree courses have got **fewer** exams **than** us.
- Other degree courses have **not** got **as many** exams **as** us.
- Other degree courses have got **less** work **than** us.
- Other degree courses have **not** got **as much** work **as** us.

Modifying comparatives and superlatives

- Luca is **far/much/a lot/a bit** taller **than** Mary.
- Mary is **far/much/a lot/a bit less** tall **than** Luca.
- Mary is **not nearly as** tall **as** Luca. (not **nearly** as..... as)
- Luca is **by far the** tallest. (di gran lunga)



aeroplane / car



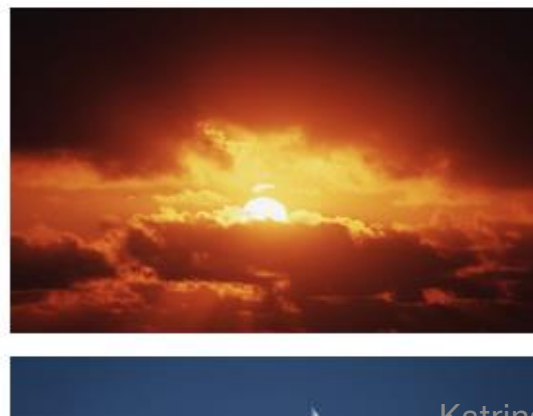
you / a friend



cat / dog



house / flat





town / country



coffee / orange juice



you / a relative



tree / flower

