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# Comparison of

# Adjective & Adverb



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## **Comparison of Adjective & Adverb**

- Grammatical constructions used for comparing adjectives
- There are three forms of comparison :
  - positive
  - comparative
  - superlative



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## **Positive Form**

Use the positive form of the adjective if the comparison contains one of the following expressions : as ... as **Example: Jane is as tall as John.** not as ... as / not so ... as **Example: John is not as tall as Arnie.** 



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## **Comparative Form and Superlative Form (-er/-est)**

- one-syllable adjectives (clean, new, cheap)
- two-syllable adjectives ending in -y or -er (easy, happy, pretty, dirty, clever)

positive form	comparative form	S
clean	cleaner	



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## Form (-er/-est) , cheap) , or -er (easy, happy

superlative form

(the) cleanest



# **Exceptions in spelling when adding -er / -est**

silent 'e' is dropped

**Example:** late-later-latest

• final 'y' after a consonant becomes i **Example:** easy-easier-easiest

 final consonant after short, stressed vowel is doubled **Example: hot-hotter-hottest** 



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# **Comparative Form and Superlative Form** (more/most)

• adjectives of three or more syllables (and two-syllable adjectives not ending in -y/-er)

positive form	comparative form	sup
difficult	more difficult	m



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## erlative form

## ost difficult



## **Comparative Form and Superlative Form (irregular comparisons)**

positive form	comparative form	superlative form
good	better	best
bad / ill	worse	worst
little (amount)	less	least
little (size)	smaller	smallest
much / many	more	most
far (place + time)	further	furthest

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positive form	comparative form	superlative form
far (place)	farther	farthest
late (time)	later	latest
late (order)	latter	last
near (place)	nearer	nearest
old (people and things)	older	oldest
old (people)	elder	eldest



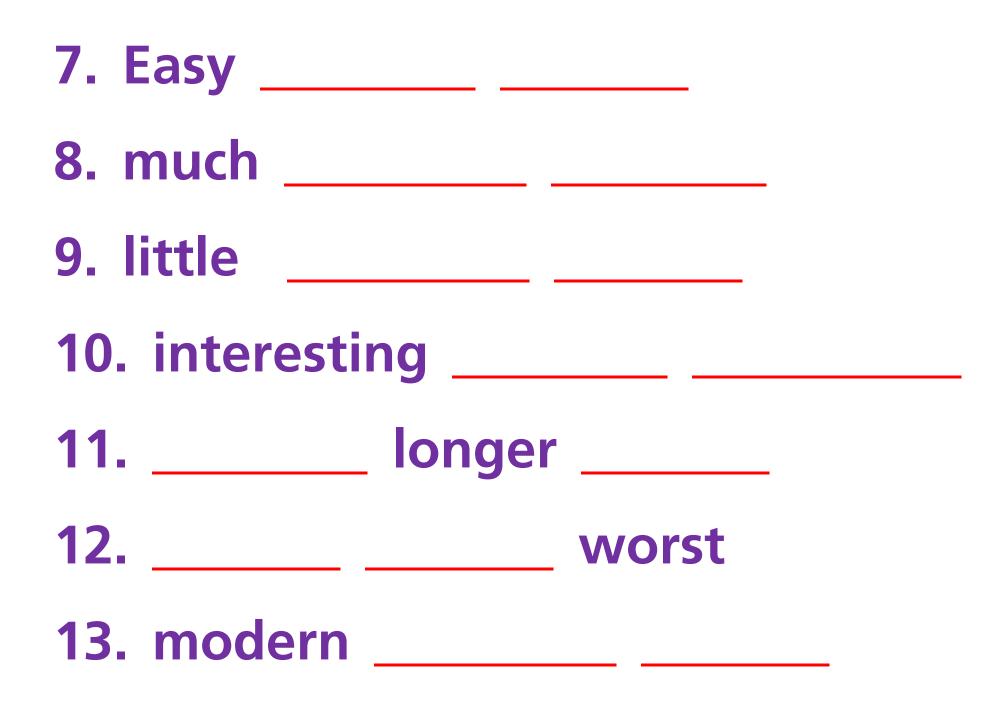


# Fill in the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives. 1. old \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2. bad 3. difficult 4. large \_\_\_\_\_ 5. good \_\_\_\_\_ 6. big \_



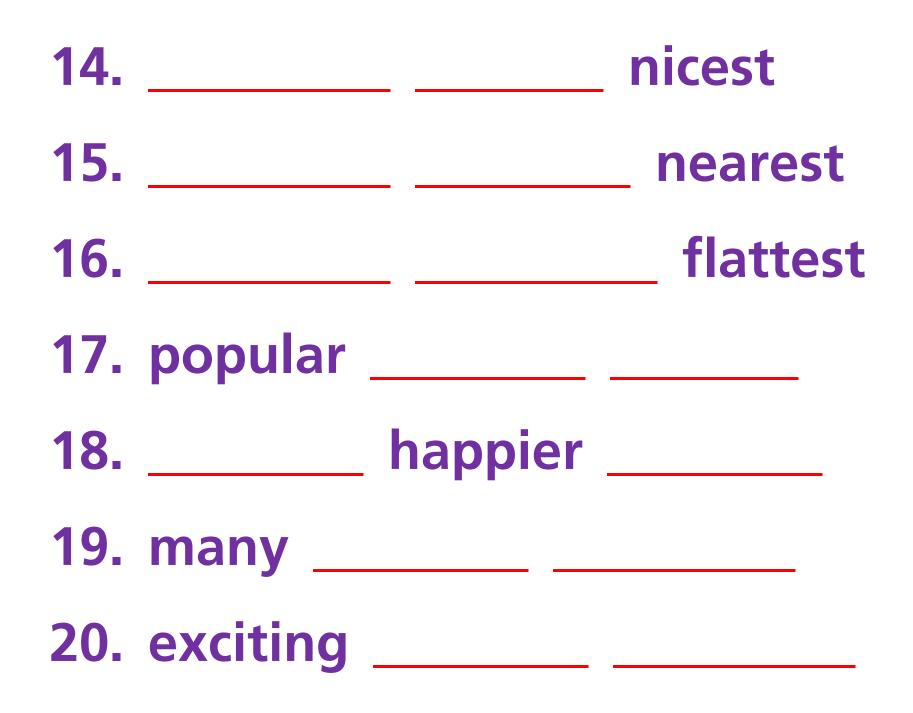
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## Use either as ... as or not as ... as in the sentences below.

- 1. The blue car is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the red car. (fast)
- 2. Peter is Fred. (not/tall)
- 3. The violin is the cello. (not/low)
- 4. This copy is \_\_\_\_\_\_ the other one. (bad)
- 5. Oliver is \_\_\_\_\_ Peter. (optimistic)





6. Today it's	yesterday. (no
7. The tomato soup wa	as th
(delicious)	
	lomon
8. Grapefruit juice is	lemon
	vin. (brave)



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# ot/windy) he mushroom soup.

## nade. (not/sweet)

## avy)



Put in the adjective from the first sentences into the second sentence in its correct form (comparative or superlative).

- 1. My father is heavy. My uncle is much \_\_\_\_\_\_ than my father.
- 2. The test in geography was easy, but the test in biology was \_\_\_\_\_.



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- 3. Florida is sunny. Do you know the \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA?
- 4. Stan is a successful sportsman, but his sister is \_\_\_\_\_ than Stan.
- 5. My mother has a soft voice, but my teacher's voice is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than my mother's.
- 6. Amy has a beautiful baby, but my daughter has the

## baby on earth.



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## 7. I live in a large family, but my grandfather lived in a family.

8. We have only little time for this exercise, but in the examination we'll have even

- 9. Lucy is clever, but Carol is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than Lucy.
- 10. Have you visited the old castle? It was the castle we visited during our holidays.



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# time.



## 11. This is a nice cat. It's much \_\_\_\_\_\_ than my friend's cat.

- 12. Here is Emily. She's six years old. Her brother is nine, so he is
- 13. This is a difficult exercise. But the exercise with an asterisk is the exercise on the worksheet.



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# 14. He has an interesting hobby, but my sister has the \_\_\_\_\_ hobby in the world. 15. In the last holidays I read a good book, but father gave me an even \_\_\_\_\_ one last weekend. 16. School is boring, but homework is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than school.



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# 17. Skateboarding is a dangerous hobby. Bungee jumping is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than skateboarding.

- 18. This magazine is cheap, but that one is \_\_\_\_\_
- 19. We live in a small house, but my grandparents'
  - house is even \_\_\_\_\_ than ours.
- 20. Yesterday John told me a funny joke. This joke was the \_\_\_\_\_ joke I've ever heard.



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Fill in the gaps with the comparative form of the adjectives given.

- 1. A rock is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than a leaf. (heavy)
- 2. Our house is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than yours. (big)
- 3. The princess is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than the witch. (beautiful)
- 4. Tom is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ student than Mary. (good)
- 5. Bicycles are \_\_\_\_\_\_ than motorbikes. (safe)





# 6. July is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than January. (hot) 7. A lion is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than a cat. (dangerous) 8. Helen is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than Mary. (happy) 9. Computers are \_\_\_\_\_\_ than telephones. (expensive) 10. I think golf is \_\_\_\_\_\_ than football. (boring)



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# Fill in the gaps with the superlative form of the adjectives given.

It is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ shop in town. (large)
Monday is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of the week. (bad)
Ben was the \_\_\_\_\_\_ person in his family. (noisy)
Sam is the in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ class. (popular)
Which is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ subject at school? (difficult)





# 6. Jim is the \_\_\_\_\_ player in the football team. (good) 7. Elephants are the \_\_\_\_\_\_ animals. (heavy) 8. Let's pick the \_\_\_\_\_\_ apple of the tree. (big) 9. Mary is the \_\_\_\_\_ girl in the class. (thin) 10. That is the sofa in our house. (comfortable)



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Fill in the gaps with the comparative or the superlative form of the adjectives given.

- 1. This armchair is \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one. (comfortable)
- 2. Trains are \_\_\_\_\_\_ than aeroplanes. (slow)
- 3. I bought the \_\_\_\_\_ souvenir I could afford.
  - (expensive)
- 4. In this classroom there are \_\_\_\_\_ girls than boys.



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5. Ann is the	child in the fam
6. That TV set is t	he of all.
7. You are	_ here than there. (
8. Fifi is	than Kate. (pretty)
9. This is the	film i have ever
10. Tim is	than Peter. (taler



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# nily. (young) (cheap) (safe)

# er seen. (exciting) nted)

