

COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

FORM

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE	COMMENTS
old cheap	older cheaper	the oldest the cheapest	one-syllable adjectives add -er in comparative and -est in superlative
big hot wet	bigger hotter wetter	the biggest the hottest the wettest	short adjectives ending in consonant + vowel + consonant → double the last consonant
healthy happy pretty	healthier happier prettier	the healthiest the happiest the prettiest	one- or two-syllable adj. ending with consonant + y → -ier or -iest
famous expensive	more famous more expensive	the most famous the most expensive	two- or more syllable adjectives → more / the most + adjective
good bad far	better worse further/farther	the best the worst the furthest/farthest	irregular

USE

1 As ... as (= tak jako) shows that something is the same or equal.

*Jim is **as tall as** Peter/him.*

*I'm **as worried as** you are.*

2 Not as/so ... as shows that something isn't the same or equal.

*Rome is **not as old as** Athens.*

*That hotel **isn't so expensive as** yours.*

*I **don't play golf as often as** you.*

3 Than (= než) is often used after a COMPARATIVE adjective.

*My sister is **taller than** me.*

*These cameras are **more expensive than** those ones.*

*I can run **faster than** him.*

4 Much can come before the comparative to give emphasis.

*She's **much nicer than** her sister.*

*Is Tokyo **much more modern than** London?*

5 The is used before SUPERLATIVE adjectives.

*He's **the funniest** boy **in** the class.*

*Which is **the tallest** building **in** the world?*

PRACTICE

1 Write comparative sentences.

1. My sister / thin / me _____
2. I'm / busy / this week / last week _____
3. It took me / long / I expected _____
4. Health and happiness are / important / money _____
5. My toothache is / painful / it was yesterday _____
6. Camping is / cheap / staying in a hotel _____
7. Living in a village is / healthy / living in a town _____
8. My new job is / boring / my old one _____

2 Read the following sentences and then write a new sentence with the same meaning.

Example: I've never seen such a boring film. It is **the most boring film I've ever seen**.

1. I have never heard such a funny story.

That's the _____ heard.

2. He's never made such a bad mistake.

It's _____

3. I've never slept in such an uncomfortable bed.

This is _____

4. I've never had such a big meal.

It's _____

5. I've never met such a generous person as Ann.

Ann is _____

3 Fill in the COMPARATIVE or SUPERLATIVE form of each adjective.

1. This jacket is too small. I need a _____ size. (large)

2. She is _____ in her family. (tall)

3. He thinks that Rwanda is _____ country in the world. (dangerous)

4. Our accommodation was surprisingly cheap. I expected it to be much _____. (expensive)

5. She looks about 20, but in fact she is much _____ she looks. (old)

6. We complained about the food in our hotel. But instead of improving, it got even _____. (bad)

7. You're standing too near the camera. Can you move a bit _____ away? (far)

8. St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral is _____ religious building in Brno. (famous)

9. Chinese is one of _____ languages to learn. (difficult)

10. I know he doesn't have much money but still he is much _____ me. (rich)

11. Yesterday was _____ day of the year. (hot)

12. This is _____ time to drive through the city centre. (bad)

13. I suppose that my work is much _____ hers. (easy)

14. The _____ I've ever flown is to Australia. (far)

15. Liverpool is _____ city in the UK. (polluted)

4 Fill in AS or THAN.

1. I feel better _____ I felt yesterday.

2. I don't watch TV as much _____ you.

3. Belgium is smaller _____ Switzerland.

4. Jim isn't as clever _____ he thinks.

5. Jane didn't play as good _____ my brother.

6. Jack didn't play better _____ my brother.