

COMPARATIVES

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Comparatives and superlatives are forms of adjectives and adverbs used to express different degrees of comparison between two or more things.



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Comparatives:

- Definition: Comparatives are used to compare two things or actions, indicating a higher or lower degree of a particular quality or characteristic.
- Structure for Adjectives: Adjective + "-er" (e.g., taller, faster) or "more" + adjective (e.g., more beautiful, more interesting).
- Structure for Adverbs: Adverb + "-er" (e.g., faster, earlier) or "more" + adverb (e.g., more quickly, more efficiently).

Example:

- The cat is smaller than the dog.
- She sings more beautifully than anyone I know.

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Superlatives:

- Definition: Superlatives are used to express the highest degree of a quality or characteristic among three or more things or actions.
- Structure for Adjectives: Adjective + "-est" (e.g., tallest, fastest) or "most" + adjective (e.g., most beautiful, most interesting).
- Structure for Adverbs: Adverb + "-est" (e.g., fastest, earliest) or "most" + adverb (e.g., most quickly, most efficiently).

Example:

- Mount Everest is the tallest mountain in the world.
- She is the most talented musician in the group.

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Irregular Forms:

- Some adjectives and adverbs have irregular comparative and superlative forms. These do not follow the typical "-er" or "-est" pattern.
 - Example:
 - Good - Better (comparative), Best (superlative)
 - Bad - Worse (comparative), Worst (superlative)
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Adjective Comparatives:

1. Tall - Taller
2. Short - Shorter
3. Fast - Faster
4. Slow - Slower
5. Big - Bigger
6. Small - Smaller
7. Young - Younger
8. Old - Older
9. Cheap - Cheaper
10. Expensive - More expensive

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Adverb Comparatives:

1. Quickly - More quickly
2. Slowly - More slowly
3. Early - Earlier
4. Late - Later
5. Loudly - More loudly
6. Softly - More softly
7. Far - Farther/Further
8. Near - Nearer
9. Well - Better
10. Badly - Worse

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Adjective Superlatives:

1. Tall - Tallest
2. Short - Shortest
3. Fast - Fastest
4. Slow - Slowest
5. Big - Biggest
6. Small - Smallest
7. Young - Youngest
8. Old - Oldest
9. Cheap - Cheapest
10. Expensive - Most expensive

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Adverb Superlatives:

1. Quickly - Fastest
2. Slowly - Slowest
3. Early - Earliest
4. Late - Latest
5. Loudly - Loudest
6. Softly - Softest
7. Far - Farthest/Furthest
8. Near - Nearest
9. Well - Best
10. Badly - Worst

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Irregular Superlatives:

1. Good - Best
2. Bad - Worst
3. Far - Farthest/Furthest
4. Little - Least
5. Much - Most
6. Many - Most
7. Old - Oldest (for age) / Eldest (for family members)

EXAMPLES:

Adjective Comparatives and Superlatives:

1. Tall:

- Comparative: The giraffe is taller than the zebra.
- Superlative: The giraffe is the tallest animal in the zoo.

2. Fast:

- Comparative: The cheetah is faster than the lion.
- Superlative: The cheetah is the fastest land animal.

3. Expensive:

- Comparative: This watch is more expensive than the one I saw yesterday.
- Superlative: This watch is the most expensive in the store.

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Adverb Comparatives and Superlatives:

1. Quickly:

- Comparative: She completed the race more quickly than her opponent.
- Superlative: She is the one who finished the race most quickly.

2. Loudly:

- Comparative: The music played more loudly in the concert hall than in the lobby.
- Superlative: The music in the concert hall was the loudest I've ever heard.

3. Early:

- Comparative: John arrived at the meeting earlier than anyone else.
- Superlative: John is the person who always arrives earliest to our meetings.

EXAMPLES:

Irregular Comparatives and Superlatives:

1. Good:

- Comparative: This book is better than the one I read last week.
- Superlative: This book is the best I've read in a long time.

2. Bad:

- Comparative: Today's weather is worse than yesterday's.
- Superlative: This has been the worst week for weather.

3. Far:

- Comparative: Paris is farther from London than Berlin.
- Superlative: Tokyo is the farthest city I've ever visited.