

ENGLISH
GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES



The dog is **faster** than the elephant.

The horse is **the fastest**.

The horse is **bigger** than the dog.

The elephant is **the heaviest**.

The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.



	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	-ER faster younger	-EST the fastest the youngest
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest
ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	big hot	Double the last consonant and add -ER bigger hotter	-EST the biggest the hottest
TWO syllables Ending in -Y	happy crazy	Remove the -Y and add -IER happier crazier	-IEST the happiest the craziest
TWO or MORE syllables	famous beautiful	MORE + more famous more beautiful	THE MOST + the most famous the most beautiful
Common Exceptions	good bad	better worse	the best the worst
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Activity 1:

Make the comparative form.

- Dogs are _____ (intelligent) than rabbits.
- Lucy is _____ (old) than Ellie.
- Russia is far _____ (large) than the UK.
- My Latin class is _____ (boring) than my English class.
- In the UK, the streets are generally _____ (narrow) than the streets in the USA.

6. London is _____ (busy) than Glasgow.
7. Julie is _____ (quiet) than her sister.
8. Amanda is _____ (ambitious) than her classmates.
9. My garden is a lot _____ (colourful) than this park.
10. His house is a bit _____ (comfortable) than a hotel.

Activity 2:

Complete the sentences with a superlative:

- a. This building is very old. It's the _____ building in the town.
- b. It was a very happy day. It was the _____ day in my life.
- c. It's a very good film. It's the _____ film I've seen.
- d. It was a very bad mistake. It was the _____ mistake in my life.
- e. It was a very cold day. It was the _____ day of the year.
- f. She's a popular singer. She's the _____ singer in the country.
- g. He's a very boring person. He's the _____ person I know.
- h. This house is very big. It is the _____ house I've lived in.
- i. My cousin is very tall. He is the _____ cousin I have.
- j. Laura is a very pretty girl. She is the _____ girl I know.

Activity 3:

Fill in the correct form of the words in brackets (comparative or superlative).

1. My house is (big) than yours.
2. This flower is (beautiful) than that one.
3. This is the (interesting) book I have ever read.
4. Non-smokers usually live (long) than smokers.
5. Which is the (dangerous) animal in the world?
6. A holiday by the sea is (good) than a holiday in the mountains.
7. It is strange but often a coke is (expensive) than a beer.
8. Who is the (rich) woman on earth?
9. The weather this summer is even (bad) than last summer.

Activity 4:

Write the sentences in the correct order:

a. taller / than / Gary / Rick / is.

b. the / Carol / has / scarf / shortest

c. the / student / he / tallest / is

d. actress / Marilyn Monroe / the / was / popular / most

e. than / Brazil / bigger / is / Argentina

f. mountain / world / is / highest / the / in / Everest / the

ANSWER KEY**Activity 1:**

1. Dogs are more intelligent than rabbits.
2. Lucy is older than Ellie.
3. Russia is far larger than the UK.
4. My Latin class is more boring than my English class.
5. In the UK, the streets are generally narrower than the streets in the USA.
6. London is busier than Glasgow.
7. Julie is quieter than her sister.
8. Amanda is more ambitious than her classmates.
9. My garden is a lot more colourful than this park.
10. His house is a bit more comfortable than a hotel.

Activity 2:

1. Oldest
2. Happiest
3. Best
4. Worst
5. Coldest
6. Most popular
7. Most boring
8. Biggest
9. Tallest
10. Prettiest

Activity 3:

1. Bigger
2. More beautiful
3. Most interesting
4. Longer
5. Most dangerous
6. Better
7. More expensive
8. Richest
9. Worse

Activity 4:

- a. (Rick) is taller than (Gary).
- b. Carol has the shortest scarf.
- c. He is the tallest student.
- d. Marilyn Monroe was the most popular actress.
- e. Brazil is bigger than Argentina.
- f. Everest is the highest mountain in the world.