

Comparatives and Superlatives

Exercises

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Comparison of adjectives

- Use the words below to write comparative sentences.

0. *Canada /big / Britain. Canada is bigger than Britain.*

1. This towel / dry / that one.
2. Magazines / interesting / newspapers.
3. My spelling / bad / Lucy's.
4. The airport / far / the railway station.
5. Paris / beautiful / Berlin.
6. Steak / good / lamb.

Comparison of adjectives

Answer key:

1. This towel is drier than that one.
2. Magazines are more interesting than newspapers. OR Magazines are less interesting than newspapers. OR Magazines are as interesting as newspapers.
3. My spelling is worse than Lucy's.
4. The airport is farther / further than the railway station.
5. Paris is more beautiful than Berlin. OR Paris is less beautiful than Berlin. OR Paris is as beautiful as Berlin.
6. Steak is better than lamb.

Comparison of adjectives

- **Find six mistakes in the tour guide's statement and correct them.**

'We only have four working elephants here at Songklan so it is ~~more small~~ **smaller** than the other elephant farms in the area. The largest elephant farm of this part of Thailand has 30 elephants! The four elephants here have different backgrounds and personalities. Mao-Mao travelled the most far; he came from Chaing Rai in the north of the country. Changra is the goodest worker, he loves lifting wood. But he's very greedy. He eats a lot more than the others! Selma is the most bad worker, she's very lazy. She's only eighteen years old but each year she gets lazier and more lazier! Tanan is friendlyer than the other elephants; she really loves people.'

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Comparative structures

- **Choose the best answer, A or B.**

- Your sunglasses are similar to mine.

A They are exactly the same.

B They are almost the same.

1. Jackie isn't as friendly as Lucy.

A Lucy is friendlier than Jackie.

B Jackie is friendlier than Lucy.

2. This bed is as comfortable as my old one.

A My old bed was more comfortable.

B The beds are both comfortable.

3. Ana isn't nearly as rich as Susie.

A Susie is much richer than Ana.

B Susie is a little richer than Ana.

4. I had one of the best exam results in the school.

A Nobody had a better result.

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Superlatives

- **Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.**
 1. Who is _____ (funny) comedian on television?
 2. Scotland had its _____ (hot) temperatures ever in the summer of 2018.
 3. I know one of _____ (good) Japanese restaurants in town.
 4. Which is _____ (large) lake in Canada?
 5. Ireland has some of _____ (beautiful) cliffs in the world.
 6. That was _____ (bad) holiday ever! The weather was terrible.
 7. She's one of _____ (famous) actors in Hollywood but I love her film.

Superlatives

Answer key:

1. The funniest
2. Hottest
3. The best
4. The largest
5. The most beautiful
6. The worst
7. The most famous

Comparison of adverbs

- **Complete the sentences with a comparative (C) or superlative (S) form of the adverb in brackets.**
- I'm putting on weight – I should go to the gym **more often**. (C often)
 - Which website sells airline tickets **the most cheaply**? (S cheap)
1. Which bird flies _____? (S high)
 2. Children need to visit a dentist _____ than adults do. (C frequent)
 3. Who sang _____ on the show yesterday? (S good)
 4. Please speak _____ - I can't understand you. (C slow)
 5. Which type of battery lasts _____? (S long)
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 5. Which type of battery lasts **the longest**? (S long)
 6. You've made lots of mistakes. Please work **more carefully** next time. (C careful)
 7. Don't get the ten o'clock train. It arrives **later** than the others. (C late)

Comparatives & Superlatives

- Complete the sentences, using comparative or superlative forms of the words in brackets.

1. This is _____ road I've ever seen! (long)
2. I was disappointed because the film I saw was _____ than I expected. (entertaining)
3. Most planes go a lot _____ trains. (fast)
4. Yesterday was one of _____ days of the year. (hot)
5. I think this book is much _____ the other one. (good)
6. The twins are the same height. Tim is _____ Sam. (tall)
7. The first exercise was easy but this one is _____. (difficult)
8. The Mediterranean is not _____ the Pacific Ocean. (large)
9. This classroom is _____ the one next door. (big)
10. This is _____ television programme I've ever watched. (bad)

Comparatives & Superlatives

Answer key:

1. The longest
2. Less entertaining
3. Faster than
4. The hottest
5. Better than
6. As tall as
7. More difficult
8. As large as
9. Bigger than / (not) as big as
10. The worst

Comparatives & Superlatives

- Complete the sentences, using comparative or superlative forms of the adjectives in the box.

dangerous good greedy large lazy light long ~~poisonous~~ powerful short wide

Strange Animal Facts

- (0) *The most poisonous* animal is the poison dart frog. One frog has enough poison to kill 1,500 people. They are much (1) than most snakes and spiders. Try not to step on one!
- (2) bird in the world is the humming bird. It only weighs one gram.
- (3) animal is the sloth. It spends 80 percent of its life asleep!
- Falcons have (4) eyesight of any animal, even better than eagles. They can see small animals from more than a kilometre in the air. Their eyesight is seven times (5) than a human being's.
- The giant squid has enormous eyes – by far (6) eyes of any animal. They can be 39 cm wide – that's sixteen times (7) than a human eye.
- Tortoises have (8) life of any animal. They can live for up to 150 years. Flies, on the other hand, only live for 24 hours. That's 50,000 times (9) than the life of a tortoise.
- Vultures are one of (10) animals in the natural world. Sometimes they eat so much that they become too heavy to fly!



Comparatives & Superlatives

Answer key:

0. The most poisonous
1. More dangerous
2. The lightest
3. The laziest
4. The best
5. More powerful
6. The largest / widest
7. Wider / larger
8. The longest
9. shorter
10. The greediest

Multiple choice

- **CHOOSE** the correct alternative (A, B or C) to complete the sentences.

1. *The exam was quite easy - _____ I expected.*

A more easy that

B more easy than

C easier than

2. *The more electricity you use, _____ .*

A your bill will be higher

B will be higher your bill

C the higher your bill will be

3. *Patrick is a fast runner. I can't run as fast as _____ .*

A he

B him

C his

4. *The movie was really boring. It's _____ I've ever seen.*

A most boring movie

B the most boring movie

C the more boring movie

5. *I don't understand this sentence. What _____ ?*

A does mean this word

B does this word mean

C means this word

Multiple choice

6. Robert _____ away two or three times a year.

A is going usually

B is usually going

C usually goes

7. Florence is one of the most beautiful cities _____ Italy.

A in

B of the

C of

8. Who _____ the television?

A did invent

B invented

C has invented

9. 'Top Gear' is a popular TV programme but it isn't _____ 'East Enders'.

A popular like

B as popular as

C more popular of

10. You _____ always _____ your keys!

A 're - forgetting

B 've - forgetting

C 've - forgot

Multiple choice

11. James is on holiday. He _____ to Italy.

A is gone

B has gone

C has been

12. That bag looks heavy. _____ you with it.

A I'm helping

B I help

C I'll help

13. Everything is going well. We _____ any problems so far.

A didn't have

B don't have

C haven't had

14. I think the weather _____ be nice later.

A will

B shall

C be going to

15. Sarah has lost her passport again. It's the second time this _____ .

A has happened

B happens

C happened

Multiple choice

16. *I am going there _____ three weeks.*

A from

B since

C for

17. *I haven't seen him _____ last Sunday.*

A from

B since

C for

18. *My brother will be here _____ two hours.*

A in

B since

C for

19. *My fires happen _____ night when people are asleep.*

A in

B at

C on

20. *'Have you finished your homework?' 'No, I haven't finished _____ .*

A already

B ever

C yet

Multiple choice

Answer key:

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|-------|-------|
| 1. C | 11. B |
| 2. C | 12. C |
| 3. B | 13. C |
| 4. B | 14. A |
| 5. B | 15. A |
| 6. C | 16. C |
| 7. A | 17. B |
| 8. B | 18. A |
| 9. B | 19. B |
| 10. A | 20. C |