

# Comparing and Contrasting: Overview

**FORM:** **Review: Expressing Differences**

	<b>Comparative</b>	<b>Superlative</b>
One syllable	Usually add: <i>-er + than</i>	Usually add: <i>the + -est</i>
Two syllables ending in <i>-y</i> or <i>-ow</i>	Usually add: <i>-er + than</i>	Usually add: <i>the + -est</i>
Two or more syllables	Usually add: <i>more + adj. + than</i>	Usually add: <i>the + most + adj.</i>

<u>Irregular Forms:</u> good	better than	the best
bad	worse than	the worst
far	farther than	the farthest

Notes: 1. If a one-syllable adjective ends in a single vowel followed by a single consonant, usually double the final consonant and add *-er* or *-est*.  
(*big-bigger-biggest*)

2. If an adjective ends in *-y*, change the *-y* to *-i*

**USE: Comparatives:** To show differences between two people, places or things.

**Superlatives:** To show differences between three or more people, places or things.

Superlatives show extremes of difference (the top or bottom of a group)

**EXAMPLES:** *Cars are faster than bicycles. (Comparative)*

*Planes are the fastest method of transportation. (Superlative)*

**FORM:** **Expressing Similarities**

as + adjective + as

**USE:** To express similarities between people, places or things.

**EXAMPLES:** *Ken is as tall as Frank. (they are the same height)*

*Lions are as dangerous as tigers. (they are equally dangerous)*

Supply the complete *COMPARATIVE* or *SUPERLATIVE* form of the adjective in each blank.

1. Dogs are usually \_\_\_\_\_ cats. (big)
2. Mount Everest is \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Fuji. (high)
3. Toronto is \_\_\_\_\_ city in Canada. (large)
4. Ottawa is \_\_\_\_\_ Montreal. (small)
5. Fruit is \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate. (healthy)
6. July is usually \_\_\_\_\_ month in Canada. (hot)
7. Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ silver. (expensive)
8. University is \_\_\_\_\_ high school. (difficult)

Describe the similarities between the hotels using *AS + ADJECTIVE + AS*.

	Height	Price	Number of Rooms
<i>Green Hotel</i>	20 Floors	\$229/night	240
<i>Park Hotel</i>	12 Floors	\$229/night	135
<i>Central Hotel</i>	20 Floors	\$99/night	240

1. The Green Hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel. (high)
2. The Park Hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel. (expensive)
3. The Central Hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel. (big)

Form sentences to show differences or similarities between these things. Use *-ER*, *MORE...THAN* or *AS...AS*.

1. Chinese food/Mexican food/delicious \_\_\_\_\_.
2. dogs/cats/friendly \_\_\_\_\_.
3. books/movies/interesting \_\_\_\_\_.
4. English/mathematics/difficult \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sweden/Canada/cold \_\_\_\_\_.
6. soccer/ice hockey/good \_\_\_\_\_.