

# Adjectives: Comparatives and Superlatives

**FORM:**

	Comparative	Superlative
One syllable – (one vowel sound)	usually add: -er + than	usually add: the + -est
Two syllables ending in -y and “ow”	usually add: -er + than	usually add: the + -est
Two or more syllables	usually add: more + adj. + than	usually add: the + most + adj.

**USE:**

**Exceptions:** good → better than / the best  
 bad → worse than / the worst  
 far → farther than / the farthest

**NOTES:** 1. One syllable adjectives which end with a single vowel and a single consonant **double the consonant** when you add “-er” or “-est”.  
 Example: *hot, hotter*  
 2. Adjectives which end in “-y” change the “-y” to “-i” when you add  
 “-er” or “-est”. Examples: *heavy, heavier, heaviest*

**EXAMPLES:**

*New York is larger than (large) Toronto. (Comparative)*  
*Mexico City is the largest (large) city in the world. (Superlative)*  
*What? Where?*

*Express in COMPARATIVE form the adjectives in parentheses.*

- Criticizing people is much \_\_\_\_\_ (*easy*) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to understand them.
- That cat is \_\_\_\_\_ (*fat*) Judy’s old cat. It eats too much!
- Our trip to Venezuela proved to be much \_\_\_\_\_ (*expensive*) \_\_\_\_\_ our trip to Mexico.
- The weather this week is \_\_\_\_\_ (*good*) \_\_\_\_\_ the weather last week.
- This English book was \_\_\_\_\_ (*cheap*) \_\_\_\_\_ my history book.
- I find this picture much \_\_\_\_\_ (*pretty*) \_\_\_\_\_ that one over there.

Beginner 2 – Exercise 30 – Adjectives: Comparatives and Superlatives

*Express in SUPERLATIVE form the adjectives in parentheses.*

1. He has \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) handwriting you have ever seen.
2. They say that Yonge Street, in Toronto, is \_\_\_\_\_ (long) street in the world.
3. Catherine is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) student in our class.
4. Who is \_\_\_\_\_ (tall) one in your family?
5. Jennifer is \_\_\_\_\_ (ambitious) girl in the whole class.
6. This course is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ (difficult) in the entire curriculum.
7. We always go to \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) restaurants in town.
8. This chair is \_\_\_\_\_ (comfortable).

*Express in COMPARATIVE or SUPERLATIVE form the adjectives in parentheses.*

1. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (smart) I am.
2. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (smart) in the class.
3. This book is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) book on the shelf.
4. It is much \_\_\_\_\_ (good) that one.
5. John is \_\_\_\_\_ (old) his sister.
6. This street is \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) Park Avenue.
7. It is \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) street in our town.
8. Toronto is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) Ottawa.
9. Paris is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) city in France.
10. She is \_\_\_\_\_ (pretty) her sister.

*Complete the following sentences.*

1. This exercise is easier \_\_\_\_\_
2. This is the easiest \_\_\_\_\_
3. John is stronger \_\_\_\_\_
4. This summer is hotter \_\_\_\_\_
5. It is the hottest summer \_\_\_\_\_