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Comparatives & Superlatives

How do we form the Comparative and the Superlative?
Study the rules below:

Number of syllables	Comparative ~ Superiority ~	Example
one syllable	+ ER <i>than</i>	A car is <u>faster</u> <i>than</i> a bike.
one syllable (Cons.+Vowel+Cons.)	double consonant + ER <i>than</i>	A cat is <u>bigger</u> <i>than</i> a mouse.
two syllables (ending in Y)	drop Y + IER <i>than</i>	English is <u>easier</u> <i>than</i> Chinese.
two or more syllables	<i>more ... than</i>	John is <u>more</u> intelligent <i>than</i> Peter.

Comparative ~ Inferiority ~	Comparative ~ Equality ~
<i>not + as/so + adjective + as</i> A motorcycle is <u>not as</u> (=so) fast <u>as</u> a car.	<i>as/so + adjective + as</i> I am <u>as</u> (=so) intelligent <u>as</u> you.

Number of syllables	Superlative	Example
one syllable	<i>the... + EST</i>	Sue is <u>the</u> <u>youngest</u> girl in class.
one syllable (C+V+C)	<i>the... double consonant + EST</i>	She is <u>the</u> <u>thinnest</u> model in the show.
two syllables (ending in Y)	<i>the... drop Y + IEST</i>	He is <u>the</u> <u>laziest</u> student of all.
two or more syllables	<i>the most...</i>	This is <u>the</u> <u>most</u> comfortable sofa here.

Some irregular adjectives:

Positive Form	Comparative Form	Superlative Form
bad	worse (than)	the worst
good	better (than)	the best
little	less (than)	the least
many/much	more (than)	the most

1. Write the adjectives in brackets in the Comparative form.

- a) John Lennon was (OLD) _____ Paul McCartney.
- b) Some people think the Met is (GOOD) _____ the Louvre.
- c) Eric was (AFRAID) _____ in Harlem _____ in the Subway.
- d) Cats are (NICE) _____ dogs.
- e) Cartoons are (GOOD) _____ music programmes.
- f) The Empire State is (BIG) _____ the Chrysler Building.
- g) Barcelona is (SMALL) _____ Madrid, but (BIG) _____ Valencia.

2. Write the adjectives in brackets in the Superlative form.

- a) Samantha is the (PRETTY) _____ girl that Paul has ever met.
- b) I think that King Kong was the (BAD) _____ film ever!
- c) Mounth Everest is the (HIGH) _____ mountain in the world.
- d) Our English teacher is the (GOOD) _____ teacher ever!
- e) My room is the (CLEAN) _____ room in my house.
- f) Ron is the (CLEVER) _____ person I've ever met.
- g) The Millenium Star is one of the (EXPENSIVE) _____ diamonds in the world.

3. Write the sentences in the correct order.

- a) are / than / faster / Cars / bikes. _____
- b) interesting / is / than /more / History / Maths.

- c) than / is / exciting / New York / Albany.

- d) than / funnier / Comics / magazines / are

- e) Japan / expensive / the / country. / is /most

4. Complete the table. Pay attention and don't forget *than* or *the*.

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Good		
Nice		
Annoy		
Cheap		
Expensive		
Bad		
Big		
Tall		
Pretty		
Fast		
Happy		
Small		
Sad		
Boring		



5 - Compare Anita and Beth using the adjectives FAT/THIN, FAST/SLOW, PRETTY/UGLY, MODERN/OLD FASHIONED, OLD/YOUNG:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

6 - Complete the sentences with the correct comparative adjective

- 1.- Mary's hair is _____ (long) than Elizabeth's hair.
- 2.- Daniel's shoes are _____ (cheap) than Alice's shoes.
- 3.- Your eyes are _____ (big) than mine.
- 4.- The cinema is _____ (near) than the hospital.
- 5.- My room is _____ (modern) than her room.
- 6.-The school bus is _____ (new) than my mom's car.
- 7.-Frederick is _____ (rich) than Richard.
- 8.-My grandmother is _____ (intelligent) than my grandfather.
- 9.-Sonia's drawings are _____ (good) than Julio's
- 10.- Planes are _____ (fast) than trains.

7- Choose the correct adjective in parenthesis to complete each sentence. Write the adjective on the line.

1. Martin is _____ than Marcia. (old, older, oldest)
2. That is a very _____ car. (small, smaller, smallest)
3. Mount Everest is the _____ mountain in the world. (high, higher, highest)
4. This is the _____ blanket in the house. (warm, warmer, warmest)
5. Maria is _____ than Jan right now. (happy, happier, happiest)
6. That was the _____ hot fudge sundae I've ever eaten. (big, bigger, biggest)
7. Katrina ran even _____ than I did. (fast, faster, fastest)
8. January is the _____ month of the year. (cold, colder, coldest)
9. That is a very _____ fishing pole. (long, longer, longest)
10. Mr. Jones is the _____ teacher in the school. (nice, nicer, nicest)

8- Complete using the correct comparative or superlative.

- 1) Canada is _____ than China but Russia is the _____ country. a) big b) bigger c) biggest
- 2) Monkeys are _____ but ants are _____. a) small b) smaller c) smallest
- 3) Giraffes are the _____ land animal. a) tall b) taller c) tallest
- 4) Boys usually have _____ hair than girls. a) short b) shorter c) shortest
- 5) Lamps are _____ but the sun is _____. a) bright b) brighter c) brightest
- 6) Mars is _____ from Earth but Neptune is _____. a) far b) farther c) farthest
- 7) Emma is _____ but Stephen is _____. a) happy b) happier c) happiest