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Adjectives are words that describe nouns and pronouns. They can provide descriptive details or show comparisons. To compare two things, use the **comparative** form of an adjective. To compare three or more things, use the **superlative** form.

To form the comparative of one-syllable words, add *-er*. To form the superlative of one-syllable words, add *-est*. Some adjectives require spelling changes before the *-er* or *-est* is added. If the adjective is more than one syllable, the word *more* is usually used to form the comparative and the word *most* is used to form the superlative.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
fast	faster	fastest
large	larger (drop the final <i>e</i> , add <i>-er</i> .)	largest (drop the final <i>e</i> , add <i>-est</i> .)
easy	easier (change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> , add <i>-er</i>)	easiest (change <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> , add <i>-est</i>)
careful	more careful	most careful
important	more important	most important

Some adjectives change form completely.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
little	less	least

Example

Ricardo's chili was **spicier** than Sonya's chili. (A comparative adjective is used to compare two things: Sonya's chili and Ricardo's chili. Since *spicy* ends in *-y*, change the *y* to *i* before adding *-er*.)

Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

Dayla is the _____ person I know.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. thoughtfuller B. most thoughtful
C. thoughtfullest D. more thoughtful

B. Since Dayla is being compared to every person the speaker knows, the superlative form should be used. Because *thoughtful* has more than one syllable, the superlative is formed by adding *most*.

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Practice

1 Read the sentence.

Tomas is _____ today than he was yesterday.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. happy
- B. happiest
- C. most happy
- D. happier

2 Read the sentence.

Trey had his _____ performance ever today.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. good
- B. better
- C. best
- D. gooder

3 Read the sentence.

Belinda is _____ at sewing than Monique is.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. fast
- B. faster
- C. more fast
- D. fastest

4 Read the sentence.

The big dog is _____ than the small dog.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. friendly
- B. friendliest
- C. most friendly
- D. friendlier

5 Read the sentence.

Amir ordered a _____ burger than his friend did.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. large
- B. more large
- C. larger
- D. largest

6 Read the sentence.

I think that was the _____ movie that I've ever seen.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. scary
- B. scarier
- C. more scary
- D. scariest

7 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. This essay is the most important assignment of the year.
- B. I have to do best on this essay than the last one.
- C. I think writing is more easier than studying.
- D. Shoi is the goodest student in the class.

8 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. My sister is looking for a more better car.
- B. She is studying car brochures to be a carefuller consumer.
- C. She is wiser about cars than I am.
- D. Tomorrow she will visit the most largest car lot in town.

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1 Read the sentence.

I hope you are _____ than you were last night because I made a lot of food for breakfast.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. more hungrier
- B. more hungriest
- C. hungrier
- D. hungriest

2 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. My grandfather is older than my grandmother.
- B. I have always thought that she is the funniest grandparent of the two.
- C. He is the more better cook, though.
- D. Grandma keeps me laughing, but Grandpa makes the deliciouser dinners.

3 Read the sentence.

The head librarian is the _____ person I have ever met.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. intelligenter
- B. more intelligent
- C. intellegentest
- D. most intelligent

4 Read the sentence.

Graciela is _____ under pressure than Marco is.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. calm
- B. calmer
- C. most calm
- D. calmest

5 Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. My friend Zoe is a biggest fan of music than I am.
- B. She asked me to listen to the beautifullest song in the world.
- C. Zoe likes bands that are more popular than the bands I like.
- D. We agreed to play a more shorter song next time.

6 Read the sentence.

LeBron had to pass a skills test before he could use the _____ machines at the company.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. most dangerous
- B. dangerousest
- C. dangerouser
- D. more dangerouser

7 Read the sentence.

When we turned off our flashlights in the cave, it was the _____ place I had ever been.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. most darkest
- B. darkest
- C. darker
- D. more dark

8 Read the sentence.

The peaches are _____ than the apples, so we will use peaches for the fruit plate.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. most fresh
- B. freshest
- C. more fresher
- D. fresher

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Read the sentence.

If today is _____ than yesterday, I will need to turn up the heat.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. coldest
- B. most cold
- C. colder
- D. more colder

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Read the sentence.

Priya is the _____ member of her team.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. tallest
- B. taller
- C. more tall
- D. most tallest

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Read the sentence.

When the twins and I walked through the field together, Haruki's boots got the _____.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. least muddiest
- B. least muddy
- C. less muddier
- D. less muddy

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Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. Azad wanted to find out if Cleveland or Indianapolis was more close to his home.
- B. He was planning a trip with the younger of his three brothers.
- C. Azad consulted a map and found out that Cleveland was farther away than Indianapolis.
- D. However, he was exciteder to see Ohio than Indiana.

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Read the sentence.

The restaurant offers many kinds of beverages; mango juice is the _____ of the choices.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. sweeter
- B. more sweet
- C. most sweetest
- D. sweetest

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Read the sentence.

Kanda secured a job with the orchestra because she was the _____ pianist of all the musicians who auditioned.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. accomplisher
- B. most accomplished
- C. accomplished
- D. more accomplished

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Read the sentences.

Farar loaded eleven of the dozen boxes onto the truck by himself but asked for help with the _____ package.

Which of these correctly completes the sentence?

- A. heaviest
- B. most heavy
- C. heavier
- D. more heavy

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Which sentence is written correctly?

- A. I will work an earlier shift next week than I did this week.
- B. This week, I worked the late of all the available shifts.
- C. I enjoyed getting to know Olathe, who is the kinder person I have ever met at work.
- D. My sleep habits, though, are now the worse that they have ever been.

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1. D. Use the comparative *happier* to compare two times when Tomas was happy: today and yesterday.
2. C. Trey's performance today is being compared to every performance before it, so the superlative *best* is correct.
3. B. Use the comparative *faster* to compare the two people: Belinda and Monique.
4. D. Use the comparative *friendlier* to compare the two dogs.
5. C. The sentence compares two burgers—Amir's and his friend's—so the comparative *larger* is needed.
6. D. The speaker is comparing the movie to every other movie he or she has seen, so the superlative *scariest* is needed.
7. A. *Most important* compares the essay to all other assignments. Since *important* is three syllables, it uses the superlative *most*.
8. C. This sentence correctly uses the comparative *wiser* to compare two people: she and I.

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1. C. The sentence compares two different times, last night and now, so the comparative *hungrier* is needed. *Hungry* ends in *-y*, so the comparative is formed by changing *-y* to an *-i* and adding *-er*.
2. A. The comparative *older* is correct here because the sentence compares two people, the speaker's grandfather and grandmother.
3. D. The superlative *most intelligent* is correct because the speaker is comparing the head librarian to every other person he or she has met. *Intelligent* is more than one syllable, so the superlative is formed by using *most*.
4. B. This sentence compares two people, Graciela and Marco, so the comparative form *calmer* is used.
5. C. The comparative *more popular* is correct because the sentence compares two things, the bands Zoe likes and the band I like. *Popular* is more than one syllable, so the comparative is formed by using *more*.
6. A. Passing the skills test enables LeBron to use the *most dangerous* machines of any in the company, so the superlative form is correct. *Dangerous* is more than one syllable, so the superlative is formed by using *most*.
7. B. The speaker compares the cave to all the other places he or she had been, and so the superlative *darkest* is correct.
8. D. The sentence compares two fruits, peaches and apples, so the comparative form *fresher* is correct.
9. C. The sentence compares two different times, today and yesterday, so the comparative *colder* is correct.
10. A. The superlative *tallest* is used because the sentence compares Priya to all of the members of her team.
11. B. More than two people walked together in the field, so the superlative *least muddy* is needed.
12. C. The comparative form *farther* is correct because Azad is comparing two cities.
13. D. The mango juice is compared to many other beverages offered, so the superlative *sweetest* is correct.
14. B. The superlative *most accomplished* is used here because the sentence compares Kanda to many other musicians. *Accomplished* is more than one syllable, so the superlative is formed by using *most*.
15. A. The phrase *dozen boxes* is a clue that more than two packages are involved, so the superlative *heaviest* is needed.
16. A. The sentence compares two different times, this week and next week, so the comparative *earlier* is needed. *Early* ends in *-y*, so the comparative is formed by changing *-y* to an *-i* and adding *-er*.