

# Comparatives vs Superlatives

## Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Comparative adjectives are used to compare two things. Superlative adjectives are used to compare more than two things.

**A. Complete the sentences describing the construction of Comparatives and Superlatives, using the words/endings/letters below, then complete the table, putting the adjectives in their Comparative and Superlative form. Remember, there are a few exceptions to these rules!**

the more -er -est most than i

1. For one syllable adjectives, we add ..... to form Comparatives and ..... to form Superlatives.
2. Longer adjectives don't change to form Comparatives but have the word ..... in front.
3. Longer adjectives don't change to form Superlatives but have the word ..... in front.
4. For adjectives that end in 'y', we change the 'y' to an ..... before adding the ending.
5. Superlative adjectives are usually preceded by the word ..... in sentences.
6. Comparative adjectives are usually followed by the word ..... in sentences.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative	Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
cold			popular		
big			good		
heavy			bad		
crowded			far		

**B. Complete the sentences below, putting the adjectives in either the Comparative or Superlative form. Remember to put 'the' in front of Superlatives where necessary.**

1. It was ..... and ..... journey I've ever been on. (long, uncomfortable)
2. Although Ann is our ..... child, she looks ..... than her brother. (young, old)
3. As we age, our brain becomes ..... and our memory gets ..... (small, bad)
4. Chile is ..... country in the world. It is also ..... (narrow, long)
5. The market is at its ..... at midday, so it's best to come ..... (busy, late) on.
6. Mercury is ..... planet in our system. It is also ..... to the sun. (small, close)
7. Although the Nile is the ..... river in the world, it isn't ..... (long, wide)
8. The ..... north you go in summer, the ..... it gets dark. (far, late)
9. Giraffes are ..... than elephants, but elephants are ..... (tall, heavy)
10. It is ..... to breathe at high altitudes because the air is ..... (hard, thin)

**C. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings and put the adjectives in the Comparative or Superlative form. Use 'the' in front of Superlatives where needed.**

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| 1. The Atlantic Ocean is .....             | a. .... (dry) desert.                     |
| 2. Venezuela is .....                      | b. is ..... (tall) than I am.             |
| 3. The blue whale is .....                 | c. .... (far) north than Peru.            |
| 4. My sister .....                         | d. .... (young) student in my class.      |
| 5. I think biology .....                   | e. .... (large) mammal in the world.      |
| 6. I am .....                              | f. .... (shallow) than the Pacific Ocean. |
| 7. The Atacama Desert is the world's ..... | g. is ..... (easy) than chemistry.        |

**D. Complete the "facts" using one of the adjectives below in the Comparative or Superlative form. Use 'the' in front of Superlatives where necessary.**

high   far   large   bright   cold   early   short

- Neptune is ..... planet in our solar system from the sun.
- Winter temperatures in the Arctic are ..... than they are the in Antarctic.
- Mt Kilimanjaro is ..... than Mount Everest.
- With an area of 7.7 million square kilometres, Australia is ..... than Canada.
- It gets dark ..... in the Northern Hemisphere than in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Venus is ..... planet in our solar system, and the easiest to see.
- Days on Mars are ..... than they are on Mercury.

**Talk with your partner and guess whether the "facts" are true or false. Write 'T' for true or 'F' for false in the spaces below.**

1. ....      2. ....      3. ....      4. ....      5. ....      6. ....      7. ....

**E. Working with your partner, create and write down five Comparative or Superlative "facts" of your own, some true some false. Afterwards, swap partners, read them your "facts", and see if they can guess which ones are true and which ones are false.**

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- .....
- .....
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