



COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES ENGLISH

Nº 9/UNIT 2
“COMPARATIVES AND
SUPERLATIVES”
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Class Objective: Practice comparatives and superlatives

| Adjective | Comparative | Superlative |
|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |
| big | bigger than | The biggest |

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|  |  |  |
| old | older | oldest |

- We use **comparative adjectives** to show change or make comparisons:

*This car is certainly **better**, but it's much **more expensive**.*
*I'm feeling **happier** now.*
*We need a **bigger** garden.*

We use *than* when we want to **compare one thing with another**:

*She is two years older **than** me.*
*New York is much bigger **than** Boston.*
*He is a better player **than** Ronaldo.*
*France is a bigger country **than** Britain.*

- We use *the* with **superlative adjectives**:

*It was **the happiest day** of my life.*
*Everest is **the highest mountain** in the world.*
*That's **the best film** I have seen this year.*
*I have three sisters: Jan is **the oldest** and Angela is **the youngest**.*

| FORM | | |
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| Comparatives | Spelling rule | Example |
| one-syllable adjectives | + <i>-er</i> + <i>-r</i> if adjective ends in <i>-e</i> | longer safer |
| one syllable, ending in one short vowel + one consonant | double the last consonant + <i>-er</i> | bigger |
| two-syllable adjectives | more + adjective | more careful |
| two syllables, ending in <i>-y</i> | <i>y</i> > + <i>-ier</i> | easier |
| three syllables or more | more + adjective | more dangerous more interesting |
| irregular adjectives | good bad far | better worse further |

| Superlatives | Spelling rule | Example |
|---|--|--|
| one-syllable adjectives | + <i>-est</i> + <i>-st</i> if adjective ends in <i>-e</i> | the longest the safest |
| one syllable, ending in one short vowel + one consonant | double the last consonant + <i>-est</i> | the biggest |
| two-syllable adjectives | most + adjective | the most careful |
| two syllables, ending in <i>-y</i> | <i>y</i> > + <i>-iest</i> | the easiest |
| three syllables or more | most + adjective | the most dangerous the most interesting |
| irregular adjectives | good bad far | the best the worst the furthest |



SUPERMAN

Age: 29 years old
Height (cm): 1,92cm
Intelligence: 70
Speed: 19



BLACK WIDOW

Age: 36 years old
Height (cm): 1,65cm
Intelligence: 60
Speed: 13



IRONMAN

Age: 42 years old
Height (cm): 1,74cm
Intelligence: 90
Speed: 15



WONDERWOMAN

Age: 25 years old
Height (cm): 1,78cm
Intelligence: 75
Speed: 18

EXERCISES:

I. Complete the sentences.

1. Ironman is _____ (old) than Black Widow.
2. Wonderwoman is _____ (young) than Superman.
3. Ironman is the _____ (old). And Wonderwoman is the _____ (young).
4. Superman is _____ (tall) than Ironman.
5. Black Widow is _____ (short) than Wonderwoman.
6. Superman is the _____ (tall). And Black Widow is the _____ (short).
7. Ironman is _____ (intelligent) than Wonderwoman.
8. Superman is _____ (intelligent) than Black Widow.
9. Ironman is the _____ (intelligent).
10. Blackwidow is _____ (slow) than Ironman.

II. Comparative or Superlative ? Circle the correct answer in each sentence.

1. I think Rio de Janeiro's **the most beautiful/more beautiful** city in the world.
2. An Iphone 12 is **the most expensive/more expensive than** an Iphone 8
3. I love Italian, Japanese and Chinese food but I think Japanese food is **healthier/the healthiest**.
4. I think driving's **the safest/safer than** riding a motorbike.
5. This is **the biggest/bigger** park in my town.
6. I am **the tallest/ taller than** my brother.
7. In fact I am **the tallest/ taller** person in my family.
8. I bought a new computer but it's **the worst/worse than** my old one.
9. Transantiago is a lot **the slowest/slower than** the underground.
10. Costanera Center building is **the highest/higher than** building in Latinamerica.