

5A comparatives

- 1 My brother's **older than** me. (2 40)))
It's **more dangerous** to cycle **than** to drive.
- 2 People walk **more quickly than** in the past.
- 3 I'm **less relaxed** this year **than** I was last year.
- 4 The service in this restaurant isn't **as good as** it was.
She doesn't drive **as fast as** her brother.

- To compare two people, places, things or actions use:
 - 1 comparative adjectives.
 - 2 comparative adverbs (for actions).
 - 3 *less* + adjective or adverb.
 - 4 (*not*) *as* + adjective / adverb + *as*.

comparative adjectives: regular

adjective	comparative	
short	shorter	one syllable: add -er
big	bigger	one vowel + one consonant: double final consonant
busy	busier	consonant + y: y+-ier
relaxed	more relaxed	two or more syllables: <i>more</i> + adjective

comparative adjectives: irregular

adjective	comparative
good	better
bad	worse
far	further

comparative adverbs: regular irregular

regular	irregular		
quickly	more quickly	hard	harder
slowly	more slowly	well	better
		badly	worse



Comparatives with pronouns

After comparative + *than* or *as...as* we use an object pronoun (*me, her, etc.*) or a subject pronoun + auxiliary verb, e.g.

My brother's taller than me. My brother's taller than I am.
He's not as intelligent as her. He's not as intelligent as she is.

5B superlatives

- 1 It's **the dirtiest** city in Europe. (2 43)))
It's **the most popular** holiday destination in the world.
- 2 It's **the most beautiful** city I've ever been to.
It's **the best** film I've seen this year.

- 1 Use *the* + superlative adjective to say which is the biggest, etc. in a group.
- After superlatives we use *in* + names of places or singular words for groups of people, e.g.
It's the noisiest city in the world.
- 2 We often use *the* + superlative adjective with the present perfect + *ever*.

adjective	comparative	superlative
cold	colder	the coldest
hot	hotter	the hottest
pretty	prettier	the prettiest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far	further	the furthest

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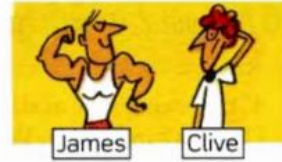
a Write sentences with a comparative adjective or adverb + *than*.

New York is *more expensive than* Miami. (expensive)

- 1 Modern computers are much _____ the early ones. (fast)
- 2 My sister is _____ me. (tall)
- 3 I'm _____ this week _____ last week. (busy)
- 4 Newcastle is _____ from London _____ Leeds. (far)
- 5 I thought the third *Men in Black* film was _____ the first two. (bad)
- 6 Manchester United played _____ Arsenal. (good)
- 7 The French exam was _____ the German. (hard)
- 8 My new job is _____ my old one. (boring)
- 9 My new apartment is _____ my old one. (big)
- 10 I'm not lazy – I just work _____ you! (slowly)

b Rewrite the sentences so they mean the same. Use *as... as*.

James is stronger than Clive.
Clive isn't *as strong as James*.



- 1 Adam is shorter than Jerry.
Jerry isn't _____.
- 2 Your bag is nicer than mine.
My bag isn't _____.
- 3 Tokyo is bigger than London.
London isn't _____.
- 4 Tennis is more popular than cricket.
Cricket isn't _____.
- 5 Children learn languages faster than adults.
Adults don't _____.
- 6 I work harder than you.
You don't _____.
- 7 England played better than France.
France didn't _____.

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a Complete the sentences with the superlative.

Is this *the biggest* city in the world? (big)

- 1 These are _____ people I've ever met. (polite)
- 2 Yesterday was _____ day of the year. (hot)
- 3 This is _____ time to drive to the city. (bad)
- 4 She's _____ girl at school. (friendly)
- 5 This is _____ part of the exam. (important)
- 6 _____ time to visit New England is autumn. (good)
- 7 Ulan Bator is one of _____ cities in the world. (polluted)
- 8 _____ I've ever flown is to Bali. (far)
- 9 That's definitely _____ film I've ever seen. (funny)
- 10 Rob's daughters are all pretty, but I think Emily is _____. (pretty)

b Write sentences with a superlative + *ever* + the present perfect.

It / good film / I / see

It's the best film I've ever seen.

- 1 It / hot country / I / be to
- 2 She / unfriendly person / I / meet
- 3 It / easy exam / he / do
- 4 They / expensive trousers / I / buy
- 5 It / long film / I / watch
- 6 He / attractive man / I / see
- 7 It / bad meal / I / eat
- 8 He / interesting teacher / I / have
- 9 It / exciting job / we / do

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