

ENGLISH COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

COMPARATIVES

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by writing the correct adjective in the comparative form in the spaces provided.

cold tall expensive good sweet

young bad fast

e.g. *England is 10 degrees in the summer. Italy is 25 degrees in the summer.*

England is colder than Italy.

1. Helen is 1m 80cm. Dave is 1m 50cm.

2. A pair of shoes costs £40. A pair of sunglasses costs £10.

3. Dave is 60 years old. Jane is 79 years old.

4. Sarah got 40% in her English exam. Tom got 67% in his English exam.

5. A Mercedes has a speed of 200mph. A BMW has a speed of 170mph.

6. Jane's sister is 10 years old. Helen's sister is 5 years old.

7. Laura has 2 sugars in her coffee. Sonia has 5 sugars in her coffee.

8. I speak excellent English. Tom speaks terrible English.

EXERCISE 2

Rewrite the sentences using 'the + comparative _____
the + comparative' form.

Example:

If you drive faster, you will arrive sooner.

The faster you drive, the sooner you arrive.

1. If you eat more you will get fatter.

2. If it is difficult, he likes it more.

3. When it gets darker she gets more frightened.

4. If a house is big you will have to spend more money to heat it.

5. If you come earlier, we will enjoy our party longer.

EXERCISE 3.

Complete the following passage with 'more and more' or

'_____er and _____er'

Example:

Paul is feeling more and more depressed.

Lucy is feeling happier and happier.

Mr Brown is making _____ money. He is becoming
(successful) _____ in his job. His children are very
diligent and he is (pleased with) _____ them.

Life is getting (easy) _____ and his wife is (proud)
_____ of her husband. Mr Brown's house
is getting (big) _____ and (grand)
_____.

EXERCISE 4.

Complete the following sentences using the appropriate word

White cool quickly hard sick red
dry thick brown easy

e.g. She was late so she drove as fast as she could.

1. The bed was as.....as a rock.
2. In the desert, the sand is as.....as a bone.
3. He said that the taxi would be over as.....as possible.
4. Learning another language is as.....as riding a bike.
5. When she realised that she made a mistake she went
as.....as a beetroot.

6. In the exam, he was as.....as a cucumber.
7. When he came back from he was as.....as a berry.
8. After partying all night, the morning after he felt as.....as
a parrot.
9. After explaining the situation 5 times, I realised he was
as.....as two short planks of wood.
10. After surprising her she went as.....as a ghost.

EXERCISE 5.

Re-write the following sentences using “as”.

1. Susan is no taller than John.

2. The Ford Escort is slower than a Ferrari F40

3. The Antelope is slower than the leopard

4. David Coulthard was faster than Michael Schumacher

5. The 747 is slower than the Concord.

THE SUPERLATIVE

EXERCISE 1.

Complete the sentences by writing the superlative of the given adjectives.

E.g. This is the best restaurant in town.

1. Which is the _____ city in the world? (big)
2. Mary is the _____ student at school. (clever)
1. I want the _____ house you have. (beautiful)
2. That's the _____ book I have. (funny)
3. Who is the _____ man in the world? (tall)
4. It's the _____ video I have. (frightening)

EXERCISE 2.

Answer the questions.

1. John is 1 metre 75 tall; Sarah is 1 metre 60 tall; Mary is 1 metre 55 tall.

Who is the tallest? _____.

Who is the shortest? _____.

2. Madrid is 30 degrees; Rome is 25 degrees; Dublin is 23 degrees.

Which is the hottest? _____.

Which is the coldest? _____.

1. Bob is 24 years old; Patricia is 30 years old; Nick is 28 years old.

Who is the oldest? _____.

Who is the youngest? _____.

2. London tourist guide costs £10.00; Paris tourist guide costs £5.00; Rome tourist guide costs £4.00.

Which is the most expensive? _____.

Which is the cheapest? _____.

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e.g. *Typing is as easy as*

Speaking English is easier than speaking Italian.

Joan is the tallest girl in the class.

1. The _____ I study the _____ I know. (more/less)
2. This exercise is _____ than the previous. (hard)
3. Riding a horse is not _____ (easy) riding bike.
4. These computers are _____ (new) than those.
5. You are _____ (good) teacher I've ever had.
6. The world problems are getting _____ and _____

(more/more) difficult to solve.

7. John is _____ (popular) student in his class.

All the girls want to date him.

8. Bob is _____ (shy) than his brother.

9. This time he's made _____ (few) mistakes.

10. All the poems you selected are good, but only the _____ (good) one will get the prize.

11. Who is _____ (pretty), Mary or Jane?

12. Excuse me, where is the _____ (near) drugstore?

13. Are you sure that Sydney is _____ (large) than Anchorage?

14. Your glasses are _____ (ugly) mine.