



COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE SYLLABLE	FAST YOUNG	- (ER) FASTER - YOUNGER	- (EST) THE FASTEST - THE YOUNGEST
ONE SYLLABLE ENDING IN - E	NICE LATE	- (R) NICER - LATER	- (ST) NICEST - THE YOUNGEST
ONE SYLLABLE CONSONANT + SHORT VOWEL+ CONSONANT	BIG HOT	DOUBLE THE LAST CONSONANT AND ADD - (ER) BIGGER - HOTTER	- (EST) THE BIGGEST - THE HOTTEST
TWO SYLLABLES ENDING IN - Y	HAPPY CRAZY	REMOVE THE - Y AND ADD - (IER) HAPPIER - CRAZIER	- (IEST) THE HAPPIEST - CRAZIEST
TWO OR MORE SYLLABLES	FAMOUS BEAUTIFUL	MORE + MOST + - MORE FAMOUS - MORE BEAUTIFUL	THE - THE MOST FAMOUS - THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
COMMON EXCEPTIONS	GOOD BAD	- BETTER - WORSE	- THE BEST - THE WORST

EXAMPLES:

- THE DOG IS **FASTER** THAN THE ELEPHANT.
- THE HORSE IS THE **FASTEST**.
- THE HORSE IS **BIGGER** THAN THE DOG.
- THE ELEPHANT IS THE **HEAVIEST**.
- THE DOG IS **MORE ENERGETIC** THAN THE ELEPHANT.





THE COMPARATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Complete the following sentences with the correct comparative form of the words listed below.

bad important crowded good high heavy convenient difficult cheap expensive quiet easy thin healthy dangerous cold

1. In Canada, January is _____ than March.
2. I think that good health is _____ than money.
3. I can't carry my suitcase. It's much _____ than yours.
4. I can afford to buy a new bike but not a new car. A car is _____ than a bike.
5. You look _____ than the last time I saw you. Have you lost weight?
6. I couldn't get a seat in the restaurant. It was _____ than usual.
7. Mountains are _____ than hills.
8. He got a very good mark on his exam. The exam was _____ than he had expected.

THE SUPERLATIVE FORM OF ADJECTIVES

Complete the following sentences with the correct superlative form of the words listed below.

funny high delicious easy cold boring lucky smart dirty rich valuable bad large cheap long scary

1. Yesterday was _____ day of the year. I almost froze to death walking home from school!
2. That was _____ movie I've ever seen. I almost walked out in the middle.
3. Please give me your recipe. That is _____ cake I've ever eaten.
4. Jerry is _____ student in our class. He gets the top grades in every course.
5. Bob told _____ story last night. I couldn't stop laughing.
6. Whales are _____ animals in the world.
7. The Nile is _____ river in the world.
8. Marie is _____ person I know. She has won the lottery four times!

THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE FORMS



A. Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adverbs below.

Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
<i>Ex. fast</i>	<i>faster</i>	<i>the fastest</i>
1. hard	_____	_____
2. carefully	_____	_____
3. early	_____	_____
4. quickly	_____	_____
5. slowly	_____	_____
6. beautifully	_____	_____
7. well	_____	_____
8. clearly	_____	_____
9. late	_____	_____
10. far	_____	_____
11. badly	_____	_____
12. fluently	_____	_____

B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the adverb provided.

- I drive _____ (carefully) than my husband.
- Angela works _____ (hard) than I do, but our secretary works _____ (hard) of all of us.
- Anita sings _____ (beautifully) of all the people in the choir.
- Our teacher explains the lessons _____ (clearly) than your teacher.
- Robert arrived at the meeting _____ (early) than Francis.
- Ken arrived _____ (early) of them all.
- Teenagers usually drive _____ (fast) than their parents.
- My daughter cooks _____ (well) than I do, but my husband cooks _____ (well) of all of us.
- Rene speaks _____ (fluently) of all the ESL students in the class.
- The teacher arrived _____ (late) than the students.