

COMPARATIVES
and
SUPERLATIVES

COMPARATIVE SUPERIORITY

1. One syllable	hard	1. Add -er	hardER
2. One syllable ending in -E	late	1. Add -r	lateR
3. One syllable ending in vowel + consonant	big	1. Double the consonant 2. Add -er	biggER
4. Two syllables ending in -OW	narrow	1. Add -er	narrowER
5. Two syllables ending in -Y	pretty	1. Change -i for -y 2. Add -er	prettiER
6. Two or more syllables	interesting	1. Write more.....than	More interesting than

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

Good --- better

little ---- less

Bad ----- worse

far --- farther/further

Bad ----- worse

far --- farther/further

SUPERLATIVE

SUPERIORITY

1. One syllable	hard	1. Add -est	The hardEST
2. One syllable ending in -E	late	1. Add -st	The lateST
3. One syllable ending in vowel + consonant	big	1. Double the consonant 2. Add -est	The biggEST
4. Two syllables ending in -OW	narrow	1. Add -est	The narrowEST
5. Two syllables ending in -Y	pretty	1. Change -i for -y 2. Add -est	The prettiEST
6. Two or more syllables	interesting	1. Write the most	The most interesting

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

Good --- the best little ---- the least
 Bad ----- the worst far --- the farthest / the furthest

Bad ----- the worst far --- the farthest / the furthest

EXERCISE

A Complete using the comparative form of the words in brackets.

- 1 Wait! Your bicycle is (**fast**) than mine!
- 2 Phew! It's much (**hot**) than it was yesterday, isn't it?
- 3 I think you look (**pretty**) when you wear your hair up.
- 4 The price of batteries has gone up. They're a lot (**expensive**) than last time.
- 5 Angus hasn't been practising the piano and he's got a lot (**bad**).
- 6 His new film is much (**entertaining**) than his last one. I loved that one!
- 7 Tell us another joke – but a (**short**) one this time! That one took forever!
- 8 I didn't win the lottery. Maybe I'll be (**lucky**) next time.
- 9 The Russian athlete threw the discus (**far**) than all the others and won gold.
- 10 I think these biscuits are even (**nice**) than the last ones you made!

COMPARATIVE
INFERIORITY

1. **less** + **adjective** + **(than)**
- less** + **happy** + **(than)**

Ex: Marina is **less happy than** the other teacher.

2. **not as** + **adjective** + **as**
- not as** + **happy** + **as**

Ex: Marina is **not as happy as** Rafa.

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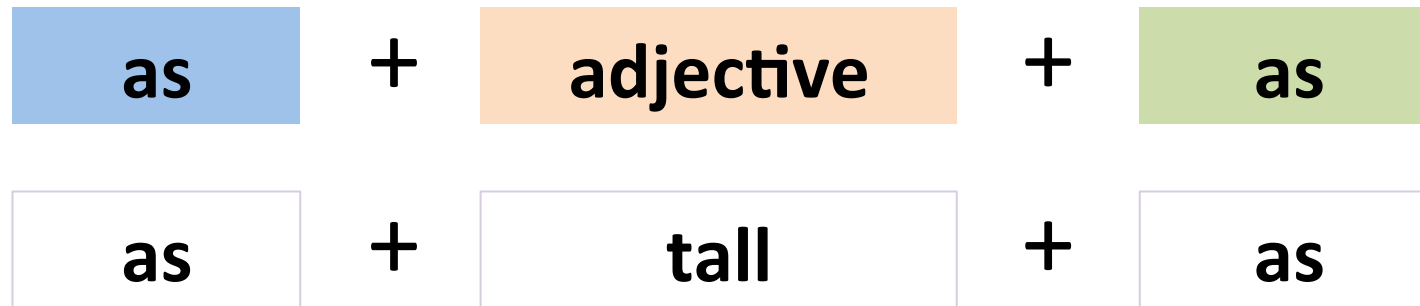
The least

+

adjective

Ex: Marina is **the least happy** teacher.

COMPARATIVE
EQUALITY



Ex: Marina is **as tall as** Rafa.

TOO and ENOUGH

1. **TOO** + adjective

USE: Show something is EXCESSIVE

Ex:

- Marina thinks her hands are **TOO big**.
- My father and I prefer watching a football match because the film is **TOO boring**.

2. adjective + **ENOUGH**

USE: Show something is SUFFICIENT

Ex:

- Marina thinks she is **clever ENOUGH**.

3. **NOT** + adjective + **ENOUGH**

USE: Show something is INSUFFICIENT

Ex:

- My father and I prefer going to Malaga because Madrid **isn't close ENOUGH** for a weekend.

EXERCISE:

1. This computer is **too.slow.to.do** this calculation. (slow)
2. Elaine is **old.enough.to** enter here. (old)
3. This suitcase is **too.heavy.to** carry. (heavy)
4. It isn't **sunny.enough** to **sunbathe**. (sunny)
5. Are you **tall.enough** to **reach** that shelf? (tall)
6. You're **too.young** to **drive**. (young)
7. You aren't **old.enough** to **drive**. (old)
8. That sweater is **big**, it's **too.big** for you. (big)
9. The garden isn't **big.enough** to **play** football. (big)
10. This coffee is **too.strong** for me. (strong)