

GRAMMAR: COMPARATIVES

Comparatives are used to compare two or more things and indicate the degree of difference between them. Adjectives are words that describe or modify nouns. When comparing using adjectives, we use comparative forms to show whether something has more or less of a particular quality than another thing. Here are different ways of comparing using adjectives:

Comparative Form with "-er":

This is the most common way to compare two things.

Example: The cat is faster than the dog.

Comparative Form with "more" or "less":

Used when an adjective has two or more syllables or ends in -y.

Example: She is more intelligent than her sister.

Superlative Form with "-est":

Used to compare one thing to all others in a group.

Example: The elephant is the largest animal in the zoo.

Superlative Form with "most" or "least":

Used when an adjective has two or more syllables or ends in -y.

Example: This is the most beautiful sunset I've ever seen.

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct comparative form of the adjective in parentheses.

1. My laptop is _____ (expensive) than yours.
2. This puzzle is _____ (difficult) than the one we did yesterday.
3. The Eiffel Tower is _____ (tall) than the Statue of Liberty.

4. Ahmed's essay was _____ (well-written) than Hawwa's.
5. That movie was _____ (boring) than the one we watched last night.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with "more" or "less" and the adjective in parentheses.

1. The weather in summer is usually _____ (hot) than in winter.
2. Her dog is becoming _____ (aggressive) as he gets older.
3. I find this book to be _____ (interesting) than the one I read last week.
4. We need to be _____ (careful) when handling fragile items.
5. Sarah is _____ (organized) than her brother.

Exercise 3: Use the superlative form to complete the following sentences.

1. Mount Everest is _____ (high) mountain in the world.
2. She is the _____ (intelligent) person I know.
3. That was the _____ (delicious) pizza I've ever tasted.
4. The marathon runner is the _____ (endurance) athlete on the team.
5. This is the _____ (beautiful) sunset I've seen in a long time.

ANSWERS

Exercise 1:

1. more expensive
2. more difficult
3. taller
4. better-written
5. more boring

Exercise 2:

1. hotter
2. more aggressive
3. more interesting
4. more careful
5. more organized

Exercise 3:

1. the highest
2. most intelligent
3. most delicious
4. most endurance
5. most beautiful