

ADJECTIVES

A)

1 stress We add **-er than...** for the Comparative and **the -est** for the Superlative.

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| clean | <i>This clasromms is cleaner than...</i> | <i>This is the cleanest classroom...</i> | | |
| quick | rich | fast | slow | hard |
| vain | short | tall | poor | long |
| high | old | young | cold | small |
| bright | warm | great | near | fresh |

1 stress ending in -e We only add **-r** for the Comparative or **-st** for the Superlative.

nice ***Paul's sister is nicer than...*** ***Paul's sister is the nicest girl...***

large late safe fine blue close wide wise strange

1 stress (double consonant) We add **-er than** for the Comparative and **the -est** for the Superlative.

big ***Spain is bigger than Portugal.*** ***Russia is the biggest country in Europe***

hot fat thin red slim wet

B)

2 stresses ending in -y We add **-ier than** for Comparative or **the -iest** for Superlative.

happy ***I feel happier today than yesterday*** ***Yesterday I was the happiest man on earth.***

pretty dirty sulky hungry

angry easy silly curly

funny sunny tidy noisy

BUT shy healthy

2 or more stresses We use **more than...** for Comparatives and **the most...** for Superlatives.

attractive ***Brad Pitt is more attractive than...*** ***He's the most attractive actor...***

worried careful brilliant dangerous romantic

confident beautiful important polluted exciting

interesting boring fashionable intelligent good-looking

BUT gentle modern quiet friendly

C) Irregular adjectives: They form the Comparative and Superlative in different ways.

good *better than* – *the best*

bad *worse than* – *the worst*

far *further than* – *the furthest*

ACTIVITY 2. Complete with the *Comparative* and *Superlative* of the adjectives given in brackets:

- Shorts are _____ skirts, but blue jeans are _____. (fashionable)
- My nails are _____ yours, but Jenny has got _____ ones I have seen. (long)
- Your father is _____ mine, but _____ one is Peter's father. (young)
- Horses are _____ cats, but dogs are _____ animals I know. (intelligent)
- Motorbikes are _____ cars, but the building-works are _____ activity. (noisy)
- The theatre is _____ the cinema, but the circus is _____ of them all. (funny)
- Smoking is _____ drinking coke, but drugs are _____ thing for you. (bad)
- Paris is _____ London, but Venice is _____ city in the world. (romantic)
- Alien* is _____ *Stargate*, but *Stars War* is _____ science fiction film. (good)
- The car is _____ the motorbike, but the bus is _____ transport in town. (safe)
- My cat is _____ yours, but Susie's cat _____ pet in the neighbourhood. (fat)
- April and May are _____ December, but June and July are _____ months. (sunny)

ACTIVITY 3. Use the COMPARATIVE of these adjectives to complete the following sentences:

healthy poor dangerous easy polluted hot dirty fast curly close

- By plane you can travel _____ by train.
- A normal person is _____ a king.
- In this town some streets are _____ others.
- Living in the city is _____ living in the country.
- Summer is _____ winter only in half the world.
- Drinking water is _____ drinking coke.
- Julie's hair is _____ mine.
- Sometimes the country is _____ the city.
- Madrid is _____ to Málaga _____ Bilbao.
- This exam is _____ the previous one.

ACTIVITY 4. Use the SUPERLATIVE of these adjectives to complete the following sentences:

old exciting pretty important high rich beautiful modern cold near

- What is _____ city in Europe?
- My wife is _____ woman in the world.
- _____ sportsperson in Spain is
- The Everest is _____ mountain in the world.
- New York is _____ city in the USA.
- The Simpsons is _____ series you can watch on TV.
- Antartica is _____ place on Earth.
- Why don't we go to _____ burger and eat something?
- Do you know who is _____ person in Spain?
- My great-grandfather is _____ member of my family.

ENGLISH 3RD YEAR E.S.O. COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

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|-----------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Rich | Fat | Short | Confident | Large | Happy | Bad |
| Beautiful | Curly | Big | Strange | Red | Quiet | Long |
| Worried | Gentle | Far | Intelligent | Good | Thin | Easy |
| Exciting | Small | Silly | Hot | Wide | Dangerous | Quick |

ACTIVITY 1. Choose 18 adjectives from the list above and write THREE for each section: a b c d e f

a) Short adjectives with one syllable. (general rule)

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| ADJECTIVE | COMPARATIVE | SUPERLATIVE | TRANSLATION |
| <i>Tall</i> | <i>taller than</i> | <i>the tallest</i> | <i>alto/a (person)</i> |

b) Short adjectives with one syllable, ending in -e.

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c) Short adjectives with one syllable. (double final consonant)

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d) Adjectives with two syllables ending in -y.

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e) Adjectives with two or more syllables.

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f) Irregular adjectives.

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ENGLISH 3RD YEAR E.S.O. COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

1. Complete the sentences with *less...than* or *the least* and the adjectives listed below.

- comfortable** 1. The blue shirt is in the shop.
expensive 2. This sofa is my bed.
intelligent 3. Katie is student in her class.
noisy 4. The country is usually the city.
polluted 5. Elephants are monkeys.

2. Complete the sentences with *too*, *enough*, or *not ... enough* and the words in brackets.

1. John can't reach the shelf. He is to get the books. (tall)
2. These trousers are I need a smaller size. (big)
3. Ann is fourteen years old. She is to drive. (old)
4. Paul runs very quickly. He is to win the race. (fast)
5. Larry says he is with his new job. (happy)

3. Translate into English. Use *comparatives* and *superlatives*.

Un correo electrónico es más rápido que una carta.

Soy más tímido que mi hermano.

Juan es el mejor jugador de nuestro equipo, y Pepe es el peor.

Plutón es el planeta más alejado del sol.

Una buena novela es más interesante que la revista HOLA!

Este piso no es lo bastante grande para nosotros.

Esta mañana el cielo está más azul que ayer.

Anne está demasiado débil para jugar al fútbol hoy.

Este examen es más largo, pero es más fácil.

Hoy es el día más feliz de mi vida.

Este apartamento es demasiado pequeño, es más pequeño que mi casa.

Luisa es la chica más guapa de mi clase. Es lo bastante guapa para ser modelo.

Los hombres son menos inteligentes que las mujeres.

Antonio no es lo bastante rico para comprarse un coche.

El elefante es el animal más grande de la tierra.

4. Translate into English. Use the *comparative* and *superlative* forms of the adjectives below.

1 Antonio Banderas es el mejor actor de Estados Unidos.

2 Una ballena azul es más grande que un elefante.

3 Marzo es más frío que Julio.

4 El cine es más interesante que la televisión.

5 El Mulhacén es la montaña más alta de Andalucía.

6 Raúl es el peor futbolista de España.

7 El Río Nilo es mucho más largo que el Guadalquivir.

8 México D.F. es la ciudad más contaminada del mundo.

9 La ciudad es más emocionante que el campo,
pero el campo es mucho más tranquilo que la ciudad.

big interesting cold high good bad polluted exciting quiet long

ACTIVITY 2. Complete the sentences with the *Comparative* and *Superlative* of the adjectives below:

1 fashionable 2 long 3 young 4 intelligent 5 noisy 6 funny 7 bad 8 romantic 9 good 10 safe 11 fat 12 sunny

- 1 Shorts are _____ skirts, but blue jeans are _____.
- 2 My nails are _____ yours, but Jenny has got _____ ones I have seen.
- 3 Your father is _____ mine, but _____ one is Peter's father.
- 4 Horses are _____ cats, but dogs are _____ animals I know.
- 5 Motorbikes are _____ cars , but lorries are _____ ones.
- 6 The theatre is _____ the cinema, but the circus is _____ of them all.
- 7 Smoking is _____ drinking coke, but dangerous driving is _____ thing.
- 8 Paris is _____ London, but Venice is _____ city in the world.
- 9 *Alien* is _____ *Stargate*, but *Stars War* is _____ science fiction film.
- 10 The car is _____ the motorbike, but the bus is _____ transport in town.
- 11 My cat is _____ yours, but Susie's cat _____ pet in the neighbourhood.
- 12 April and May are _____ December, but June and July are _____ months.

ENGLISH 3RD YEAR E.S.O. COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

1. Match the rules for forming the *Comparative* and *Superlative* of adjectives:

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|--------------------------------|--|
| a) One syllable. | 1) We use more than (Comp) and the most (Sup). |
| b) One syllable ending in -e. | 2) We add -er (Comp) and -est (Sup). |
| c) Two syllables ending in -y. | 3) We only add -r (Comp) or -st (Sup). |
| d) Two or more syllables. | 4) We add -ier (Comp) or -iest (Sup). |

A)..... B)..... C)..... D).....

Now write THREE adjectives belonging to each group:

- a)
- b)
- c)
- d)

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| El cine es más interesante que la televisión. | Plutón es el planeta más alejado del sol. |
| Juan es el mejor jugador de nuestro equipo. | Un correo electrónico es más rápido que una carta. |
| Málaga es la ciudad más hermosa de España. | ¿Quién es más alto, tú o tu hermano? |
| En tu opinión, ¿cuál es la peor película de este año? | El Ebro es más largo que el Guadalquivir. |
| El verano es más caluroso que la primavera. | El río más ancho del planeta es el Amazonas. |

4. READING ACTIVITY.

- a) Complete the text with the following words: **team - players - swimming - competitors - match**

Thousands at the World Youth Games in London

The World Youth Games are in London this week. There are lots of people at the Games. There are a thousand _____ from fifty different countries this year. Every day there is running in the stadium and _____ in the Olympic pool.

Today there is an exciting basketball _____. It's the final: Spain against England. Lots of people want to see the match but there are only three hundred seats in the hall. The Spanish are the favourites. They've got some very good players in their_____ .

The boys' tennis semi-finals are today, too. In the first match, Tom Collins from the USA plays against the Brazilian champion Roberto Minho. They are both very good _____, but Tom Collins is the favourite. In the second match, there are two Spanish players!

- b) Read the newspaper article about the World Youth Games and find the answers to these questions.

How many countries are there in the Games?.....

What two sports take place daily?.....

What countries are in the basketball final?.....

How many seats are available in the stadium?.....

Who is the favourite in the first tennis semi-final?.....

ACTIVITY 2. Translate into English. Use the *comparative* and the *superlative*.

1 Mi madre es más segura de sí misma que mi padre.

2 Tu camiseta está más sucia que tus pantalones.

3 Este examen es tan importante como el anterior.

4 El delfín es uno de los animales más inteligentes.

5 Helen es más guapa que Kimberly. No estoy de acuerdo, Kimberly es tan guapa como Helen.

6 La semana pasada, el martes hizo más calor que el lunes.

7 *Sé lo que hicisteis el último verano* es la película más aburrida de la historia.

8 Allan es menos inteligente que su hermana. Ella es más lista.

9 Inglés y Tecnología son más fáciles que Biología o Matemáticas, pero más difíciles que Educación Física.

0 Nueva York es la ciudad más interesante del mundo.

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