

# COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS



# Comparison degrees

- the comparative degree (сравнительная)
- the superlative degree

(превосходная)

# One-syllable adjectives and two--syllable adjectives ending in -y , le, ow

small happy fat large short tiny easy angry early big

- Comparative
- smaller
- happier
- fatter
- larger
- shorter
- tin<u>i</u>er
- eas<u>i</u>er
- angrier
- earlier
- bigger

- Superlative
- the smallest
- the happiest
- the fattest
- the largest
- the shortest
- the tiniest
- the easiest
- the angriest
- the earliest
- the biggest

Two--syllable adjectives and adjectives with three or more syllables.

sociable talented expensive beautiful

- Comparative
- more sociable
- more talented
- more expensive
- more beautiful

- Superlative
- the most sociable
- the most talented
- the most expensive
- the most beautiful

Form degrees of comparison in two ways : clever, cruel, friendly, gentle, narrow, quiet, shallow(мелководный), simple clever-more cleverthe most clever; Clever-cleverer-the cleverest

# Exceptions

- good/well better best
- much more most
- far farther/further farthest/furthest
- bad/badly worse worst
- little less least

#### Comparison of adverbs

- hard, fast, early, late, high, low, deep, long, near, straight (look like adjectives)
- er comparative
- est superlative
- Fast-faster-the fastest

- Other adverbs (<u>quickly</u>, <u>slowly</u>, <u>accurately</u>)
- more-comparative
- the most superlative
- quickly-more quickly the most quickly

#### OTHER WAYS OF COMPARISON

- as + прилагательное + as (not as/so ... As)
- much/a lot/far/a little bit/slightly +comparative
- comparative and comparative
- the + comparative the + comparative
- by far + the superlative
- less + прилагательное + than
- the least + прилагательное+ of/in

- The yellow dress is (not) <u>as</u> expensive <u>as</u> the red one.
- John is <u>slightly older than</u>
   Claire.
- The traffic gets worse and worse every day.
- The <u>sooner</u> the <u>better</u>.
- Last year was by far the best the company has ever had.
- Paul is <u>less successful than</u>
- his brother.
- She is <u>the least ambitious</u> person in the company.

# Complete the sentences using the correct form of the words in brackets.

- 1. Mike is by far <u>the most talented</u> (talented) pupil in the music class.
- Dan is training a lot, so his skills are getting <u>better</u> (good) and <u>better</u> (good) all the time.
- 3. Tim makes models much <u>more accurately</u> (accurately) than I do because he pays attention to every little detail.
- 4. Which of Mozart's operas do you think is the <u>most famous</u> (famous).
  5. The <u>more</u> (much) Emmy practiced, the <u>easier</u> (easy) it
- became for her to paint landscapes.
- 6. That's the <u>worst</u> (bad) play I've ever seen.
- 7. His new film is quite good, but it's not as <u>interesting</u> (interesting)as his last one.
- 8. Are Wigan's sculptures the <u>tiniest</u> (tiny) works of art in the world?

### Gradable adjectives

- They can be used in comparative or superlative forms, or with extremely, very, fairly, rather, slightly to show that a person or thing has more or less of a particular quality.
- extremely cold
- very cold
- cold
- quite cold
- fairly cold

- Non-gradable adjectives do not have comparative and superlative forms. We can use absolutely, totally and completely with them.
- freezing (extremely cold)
- absolutely freezing
- completely freezing

# Non-gradable adjectives

- live, awful, black, certain, correct, dead, domestic, enormous, excellent, environmental, freezing, furious, gigantic, huge, immediate, impossible, mortal, perfect, ridiculous, superb, terrible, terrified, unique, unknown, white, whole
- Choose non-gradable adjectives

#### Reflection

- The more we learn, the more we know.
- The more we know, the more we forget.
- The more we forget, the less we know.



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- S.B. p. 78-79 ex.4,5

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