

COMPARATIVES and SUPERLATIVES

1. Never have I seen such a fantastic show!
It's the most _____
2. I've never read such a bad poem.
It's _____
3. I've never seen such a funny film.
It's the _____
4. To our great surprise we found one immediately.
The surprise was all _____
5. I have never met such a silly woman.
She _____
6. As he advanced, the jungle became thicker.
The further _____
7. I have never seen such fat people as the Americans.
The Americans are _____
8. Danger increases if you drive fast.
The faster _____
9. I have never heard a more stupid story.
It is the _____
10. Mary's coat is more expensive than Kate's.
Kate's coat _____
11. I have never heard such a dreadful singer!
He is _____
12. There are more students in my school than in yours.
There are not _____ in your school _____ in mine.
13. I've never read such a good thriller in my life!
It's the _____
14. He's never played such a good game.
This is _____
15. I have never heard such a talented pianist.
This man is the _____
16. When you don't sleep much, you feel tired.
The _____, the _____
17. Sting is the most dedicated singer in the music business.
There isn't _____
18. I've never eaten anything as bad as that.
This is _____ thing _____
19. I've never seen such a good film!
This is _____ film _____
20. I've never met a worse liar than your brother.
Your brother _____
21. I have never seen such a beautiful garden.
It is _____

22. I've never heard such stupid arguments.
These are the _____
23. When you wait too long, you feel nervous.
The _____, the _____
24. If you drive fast, you run a lot of risks.
The faster _____
25. I've never witnessed such a destructive hurricane.
This is _____
26. If you go to bed early, you sleep better.
The _____, the _____
27. This is the most exciting book I've ever read!
I've _____
28. There are many TV channels now; as a consequence people go to the cinema less and less.
The more _____
29. It's the best book I've ever read.
I've never _____
30. I've never read such a bad book.
It's _____
31. Her coat is much more expensive than mine.
My coat _____
32. That's the best film I've ever seen.
I've _____
33. I have never watched such a tense game of tennis.
It is _____
34. I have never seen a more fanatical supporter than James.
James is the _____
35. As he has less and less money, he has fewer and fewer friends.
The _____
36. As I worked on the problem, the solution became clear.
The more I _____
37. I prefer tea to coffee.
I like _____

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Match the titles to the correct record:



1. LARGEST FEET



2. LONGEST NOSE



3. MOST FINGERS AND TOES



4. HEAVIEST WEIGHT LIFTED BY EAR



5. HOTTEST METAL IN THE MOUTH



6. OLDEST BRIDESMAID



7. DEEPEST SCUBA DIVE BY A DOG



8. FASTEST FURNITURE

A baby boy, who later died, was born in London in 1924 with 14 fingers and 15 toes.

A sofa powered by a Mini 1300cc motor has a top speed of 140 km/h. It is steered by turning a pizza pan.

Matthew McGrory from the USA wears size 28½ shoes.

Flossie Bennett was 97 years old when she was a bridesmaid at wedding in the UK in 1999.

Thomas Wedders from a circus in England in the 1770s had a nose 19 cm long.

Li Jian Hua from China lifted 50kgs of bricks clamped to his ear and held the weight for 9.3 seconds in 1998.


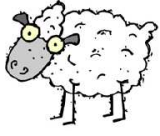
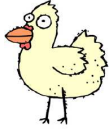
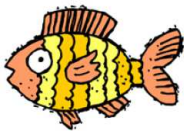
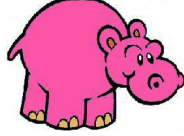
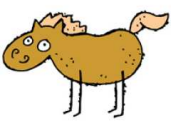
Shadow the dog regularly goes diving with his owner to a depth of 4 metres. They share an air tank.

Yim Byung Nam held a piece of metal heated to a temperature of 487.7°C in his mouth for 14 seconds.

USING SUPERLATIVES

Animal Comparatives and Superlatives

Where are the Animals? Follow the directions to figure out where each of the animals belongs.

					
Tiger	Sheep	Chicken	Fish	Hippo	Horse
Height (cm) 91	Height (cm) 85	Height (cm) 60	Height (cm) 10	Height (cm) 140	Height (cm) 120
Length (cm) 270	Length (cm) 190	Length (cm) 30	Length (cm) 70	Length (cm) 330	Length (cm) 110
Weight (kg) 230	Weight (kg) 130	Weight (kg) 5	Weight (kg) 22	Weight (kg) 2,200	Weight (kg) 90
Speed (km/h) 56	Speed (km/h) 35	Speed (km/h) 14	Speed (km/h) 24	Speed (km/h) 30	Speed (km/h) 52
Age 14	Age 10	Age 6	Age 9	Age 20	Age 26



Directions:

- The heaviest (kg) animal is in the smallest cage.
- The youngest animal is in the biggest cage.
- The fastest animal is in cage number one.
- The shortest animal (height) is in cage number four.
- The sheep is between the fish and the giraffe.
- The oldest animal is in cage number two.

Answers:

1. The _____ is in cage number one.
2. The _____.
3. The _____.
4. The _____.
5. The _____.
6. The _____.

Zoo:

1.	4.
2.	5.
	
3.	6.

COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES

1-SUMMER IS
(HOT) THAN
WINTER



2-A TURTLE IS
.....(SLOW)
THAN A RABBIT



3-MATHS IS THE
.....
(DIFFICULT) SUBJECT
OF ALL



4-YOUR CHRISTMAS
TREE IS
(TALL) THAN MINE



5-A CAR IS
.....(EXPENSIVE)
THAN A BIKE



6-SUMMER IS THE.
.....(HOT)
SEASON OF ALL



7-THE PLANE IS
THE(FAST)
MEANS OF
TRANSPORT



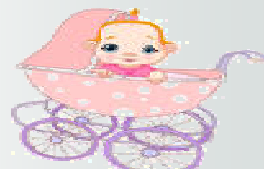
8-MY HOUSE IS
(SMALL) THAN YOUR
HOUSE



9-SALLY IS THE
(GOOD) STUDENT IN
MY CLASS



10- MY COUSIN,
MELISA, IS THE
.....(YOUNG) GIRL IN
MY FAMILY



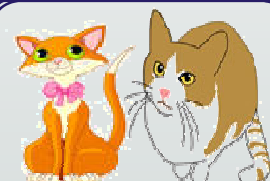
11-READING A BOOK
IS
(INTERESTING)
THAN WATCHING
T.V.



12-TOM'S EXAM
WAS(BAD)
THAN PAM'S EXAM



13-MY CAT IS
.....(THIN) THAN
YOUR CAT



14-FEBRUARY IS
THE(SHORT)
MONTH OF THE YEAR



COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES



COMPARATIVES

- 1- WINTER IS _____ SPRING (COLD)
- 2- GIRLS ARE _____ BOYS (QUIET)
- 3- MY GARDEN IS _____ A PARK (SMALL)
- 4- RUGBY IS _____ FOOTBALL (DANGEROUS)
- 5- A SOFA IS _____ A CHAIR (CONFORTABLE)
- 6- MY FATHER IS _____ MY BROTHER (STRONG)
- 7- ENGLISH IS _____ MATHS (EASY)
- 8- A MONTH IS _____ A WEEK (LONG)
- 9- A PLANE IS _____ A CAR (FAST)
- 10- A CAR IS _____ A BIKE (EXPENSIVE)

REWRITE THE SENTENCES WITH A COMPARATIVE AND NOT AS..... AS

EXAMPLE: SALLY IS 1.70 METRES. I AM 1.80METRES. (TALL)
I'M TALLER THAN SALLY. SALLY ISN'T AS TALL AS ME

1-THE GOLD RING IS \$ 70. THE SILVER RING IS \$ 65.(EXPENSIVE)

2-THE BUS LEAVES AT 12.00 O'CLOCK.THE TRAINS LEAVES AT 1.00 O'CLOCK. (EARLY)

3- MATHS IS DIFFICULT TO ME. LANGUAGE IS NOT VERY DIFFICULT TO ME (DIFFICULT.)

4- I'M 43 YEARS OLD. MY HUSBAND IS 50 YEARS OLD. (YOUNG)

5- YESTERDAY I ARRIVED HOME AT 11.00. MY BROTHER ARRIVED HOME AT 11.30 (LATE)

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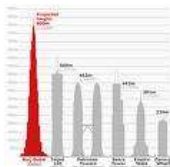
- 1- SPRING IS WINDIER THAN / THE WINDIEST SUMMER
- 2- CARS ARE THE QUICKEST / QUICKER THAN A BIKE
- 3- MY SISTER IS THE SHORTEST / SHORTER THAN PERSON IN MY FAMILY
- 4- A RADIO IS CHEAPER THAN / THE CHEAPEST A T.V.
- 5- MY BEDROOM IS TIDIER THAN / THE TIDIEST ROOM IN MY HOUSE.
- 6- HISTORY IS THE MOST INTERESTING/ MORE INTERESTING THAN SUBJECT OF ALL.
- 7- A GORILLA IS THE STRONGEST/ STRONGER THAN A SNAKE.
- 8- COCRODILES ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN/ THE MOST DANGEROUS SNAKES.

ASAS - NOT AS.....AS

- 1- BASKETBALL IS _____ FOOTBALL (POPULAR)
- 2- SHE IS _____ YOU (TALL)
- 3- YOUR SISTER IS _____ YOUR COUSIN (INTELLIGENT)
- 4- MY DRESS IS _____ YOUR DRESS (PRETTY)
- 5- THIS EXERCISE IS _____ THE PREVIOUS ONE (DIFFICULT)
- 6- A TOWN IS _____ A CITY (POLLUTED)
- 7- A VILLAGE IS _____ A CITY (NOISY)

SUPERLATIVES

- 1-FEBRUARY IS _____MONTH INTHE YEAR (SHORT)
- 2- CLIMBING IS _____SPORT (DANGEROUS)
- 3-PIGS ARE _____ ANIMALS IN THE WORLD (DIRTY)
- 4-DOLPHINS _____ ANIMALS IN THE SEA (INTELLIGENT)
- 5- MY GRANDFATHER IS _____ PERSON IN MY FAMILY (OLD)
- 6-SHARKS ARE _____ ANIMALS IN THE SEA. (DANGFROUS)

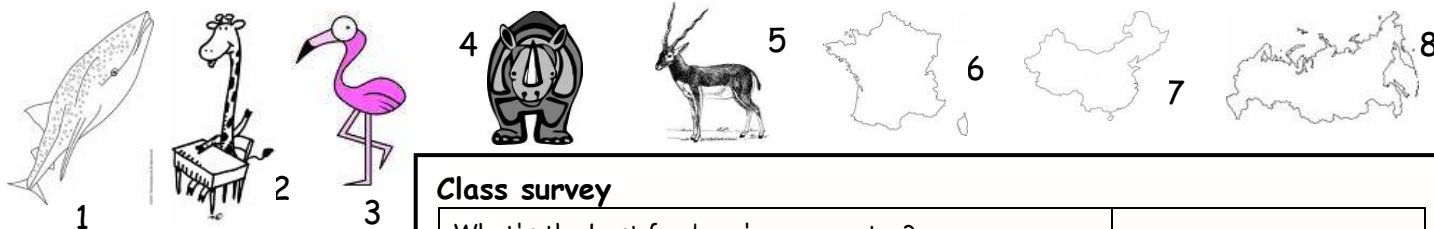


Let's talk about SUPERLATIVES



Conversation cards

What the biggest country in the world? Where is it? What are its neighbours?	What's the most populous country in the world? What's the most populous Muslim country in the world?	What's the highest mountain in the world? In Europe? In South America? In Africa?
What's the longest river in the world? In Asia? In North and South America? In Europe?	What's the biggest animal in the world? Where does it live? What does it eat?	What's the biggest land animal? Where does it live? What does it eat?
What's the biggest bird in the world? Where does it live? Describe it.	What's the fastest animal on land? Describe it. Who's the fastest in the sky?	What's the biggest ocean in the world? Where is it? What's the biggest fish?
What's the biggest city in the world? What's the biggest city in your country?	What's the largest desert in the world? Where is it? What animals live there?	What's the highest building in the world? What's the highest one in your country?
What's the smallest country in the world? Where is it?	Which country is the most popular tourist destination in the world? Guess. Say why.	Who's the richest person on Earth? How much money does he have? Guess.
What's the hardest substance on Earth? What is it used for?	What's the biggest continent? What's the coldest? What's the driest?	What's the best-paid job? What's the worst-paid job? Brainstorm and discuss.



Match	
antelope	
China	
flamingo	
France	
giraffe	
rhino	
Russia	
whale shark	

Class survey	
What's the best food you've ever eaten?	
What's the best movie you've ever seen?	
What's the most beautiful place in your country?	
What's the most difficult school subject?	
What's the most expensive present you've ever bought?	
What's the most tourist attraction in your country?	
What's the worst food ever?	
Who's the best teacher you've ever had?	
Who's the most beautiful woman on Earth?	
Who's the most handsome man in the universe?	

Answer key:

Russia (its neighbours are Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Mongolia, North Korea, Norway, Poland, and Ukraine)	(1) China +/- 1.3 billion (2) India +/- 1.1 billion most Muslims: (1) Indonesia (200 million) (2) India (138 million)	Mt. Everest (Nepal) Mont Blanc (France) Aconcagua (Argentina) Mt. Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)
The Nile (Africa) Yangtze River (China) Mississippi (North America) Amazon (South America) Volga (Russia/Europe)	blue whale (lives in the ocean) (eats krill)	African elephant
ostrich (originally from Africa, now widely farmed all around the world)	cheetah (Africa) (yellow-brown with black spots) peregrine falcon	Pacific Ocean (between Asia and America) whale shark
Tokyo (metropolitan area)	Sahara, Africa (snake, reptiles, insects, scorpion, desert fox, camel)	Burj Dubai (601 metres)
Vatican City (within the boundaries of Rome, Italy)	1 - France (81.9 million tourist arrivals in 2007) 2 - Spain (59.2 million)	(Forbes - March 2009) 1. Bill Gates (USD 40 billion) 2. Warren Buffet (USD 37 billion)
diamond (used for jewellery, industrial cutting and engraving tools, laser components, semiconductor coatings)	biggest: Asia coldest: Antarctica driest: (1) Antarctica (2) Australia	<u>possible answers:</u> doctor, surgeon, lawyer, celebrity, businessman, pilot, football player, film star <u>possible answers:</u> maid, janitor, cleaner, teacher, construction worker, farmer, care worker, nurse

Comparative or Superlative

Choose the correct form, either the comparative or the superlative, in each sentence.



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1. In my opinion Mahatma Gandhi is **[more peaceful than / the most peaceful]** man of the 20th century.
2. My oldest daughter is **[more peaceful than / the most peaceful]** my youngest.
3. Football is **[more popular than / the most popular]** sport in Europe.
4. A snail is **[slower than / the slowest]** a cat.
5. The snail is **[slower than / the slowest]** animal I know.
6. My cat is **[more intelligent than / the most intelligent]** my dog.
7. Playing chess is **[more difficult than / the most difficult]** playing monopoly.
8. Drinking water is **[healthier than / the healthiest]** drinking coke.
9. I married **[healthier than / the healthiest]** man on earth!
10. What's **[faster than / the fastest]** animal you know?
11. My handwriting is **[more beautiful / the most beautiful]** my sister's.
12. Kelly Slater is one of **[more beautiful than / the most beautiful]** men in the world.
13. River Nile is **[longer than / the longest]** river in the world.
14. My nephew says a toothache is **[more painful than / the most painful]** a sore throat.
15. U2 is a great band and indeed it is my favourite. For me U2 is **[better than / the best]**.
16. China is **[more populated than / the most populated]** country in the world.
17. London is **[more populated than / the most populated]** Chester.
18. Summer is **[hotter than / the hottest]** Winter.
19. August is **[hotter than / the hottest]** month of the year in my country.
20. Glass is **[more fragile than / the most fragile]** wood.
21. Peter is **[more fragile than / the most fragile]** person I've ever met.
22. He is **[taller than / the tallest]** me.

Answer key

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SUPERLATIVES

EXPERIENCES: The car I **am driving** is very fast.
*It's the **fastest car** I have ever driven.*



PLACES **In this museum** there is a very valuable painting.
*It's the **most valuable painting** in the museum.*



GROUPS: **In the orchestra**, the other musicians aren't as good as he is.
*He's the **best musician** of the orchestra.*



1. **In the periodic table**, the rest of metals aren't as heavy as this is.
2. These exercises I **am doing** are very difficult.
3. I **have never met** such a shy person as Tom.
4. **In the market** you can't find a material as flexible as this.
5. The book **I am reading** is very interesting.
6. This is the first time I **have seen** such a big animal.
7. **In my family**, nobody sings as badly as me.
8. I **have never had** such a reliable friend as Tom.
9. I **have never eaten** such a delicious dish.
10. A washing machine is a very good invention. **(all times)**
11. Pluto is very far **in the Solar System**.
12. My last holiday wasn't enjoyable at all. **(my whole life)**



1. This is the HEAVIEST metal IN the periodic table
2. These are the MOST DIFFICULT exercises I HAVE EVER DONE
3. Tom is the SHIEST/SHYEST person I HAVE EVER MET (both correct)
4. This is the MOST FLEXIBLE material IN the market
5. This is the MOST INTERESTING book I HAVE EVER READ
6. This is the BIGGEST animal I HAVE EVER SEEN
7. I am the WORST singer IN my family
8. John is the MOST RELIABLE friend I HAVE EVER HAD
9. This is the MOST DELICIOUS dish I HAVE EVER EATEN
10. The washing machine is the BEST invention OF all times
11. Pluto is the FARTHEST planet IN the solar system
12. My last holiday was the LEAST ENJOYABLE IN my whole life

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Fill in the gaps with the correct form of the adjectives in the brackets.

They are one syllable adjectives and two of them end in a -y.

New York is Paris.
(big)

I know, but Paris is, so we don't have to fly across the Atlantic.
(close)

I would like to buy some fashionable clothes, darling! New York is
..... Paris! (cheap)

Besides, it is a truly modern city,
..... Paris! (fast)

Well, that is exactly my problem! A modern city and a lot,
.....! (dirty, noisy)

I would like to enjoy my holiday in a and city! (small, safe)

Well, honey, in that case, you have to go without me!

Use the appropriate comparative form of the adjectives to fill in the gaps. They are one, two or more syllable adjectives.

Why do you like living in the country? Isn't it boring?

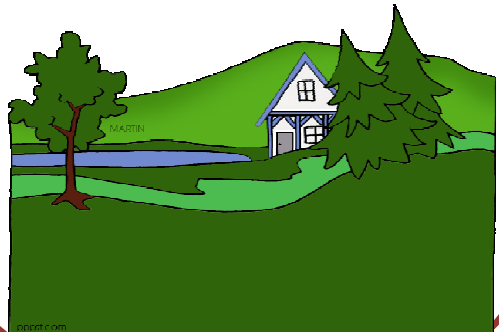
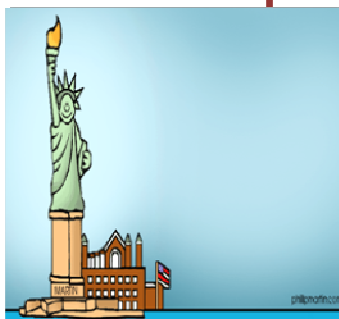
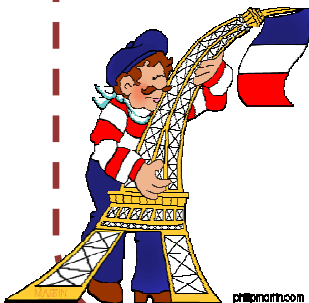
No, not for me! The country is than the city and also

(peaceful)(relaxing)
People are(friendly)

and living here does not cost so much money! I know that life is(exciting) in

the city, but I enjoy the quiet evenings and fresh mornings here!

The streets are(clean) and(nice), although there aren't so many sights! But I don't care about that! I love it here!

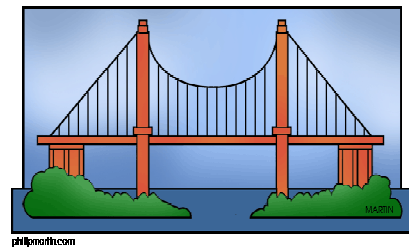


Did you know...?

Use the superlatives of the following adjectives and make sentences with the given words.



Lake Pontchartrain Causeway (it is a bridge in the USA) - long



Bugatti (car) - expensive



Airbus A380 (airplane) - big

Kingda-Ka (a rollercoaster in the USA) - large and fast



LEGO - popular

Burj Al Arab (a seven star hotel in Dubai) - luxurious



COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

COMPARATIVES: WE USE THE COMPARATIVE TO COMPARE TWO PEOPLE, THINGS OR ANIMALS
WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS ONE OR TWO SYLLABLES WE ADD **ER** TO THE ADJECTIVE AND WE WRITE **THAN** AFTER THE ADJECTIVE.

EXAMPLE: SAM IS **TALLER THAN** TOM.

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS MORE THAN THREE SYLLABLES WE WRITE **MORE** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE AND **THAN** AFTER IT.

EXAMPLE: MATHS IS **MORE DIFFICULT THAN** LANGUAGE.

SUPERLATIVES: WE USE THE SUPERLATIVE TO COMPARE MORE THAN TWO PEOPLE, THINGS OR ANIMALS
WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS ONE OR TWO SYLLABLES WE ADD **EST** TO THE ADJECTIVE AND WE WRITE **THE** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE.

EXAMPLE: SAM IS **THE TALLEST** BOY IN THE CLASSROOM

WHEN THE ADJECTIVE HAS MORE THAN THREE SYLLABLES WE WRITE **THE MOST** BEFORE THE ADJECTIVE

EXAMPLE: MATHS IS **THE MOST DIFFICULT** SUBJECT OF

SPELLING: THE ADJECTIVES THAT END IN VOWEL + CONSONANT WE DOUBLE THE CONSONANT.

EXAMPLE: BIG- BIGGER FAT-FATTER.

THE ADJECTIVES THAT END IN CONSONANT +Y WE ADD IER

EXAMPLE: HEAVY-HEAVIER EASY-EASIER.

THERE ARE ADJECTIVES THAT CHANGE WHEN COMPARING

EXAMPLE: GOOD BETTER THE BEST
BAD WORSE THE WORSE

COMPLETE THE CHART

adjectives	comparatives	superlatives
FAT		
THIN		
GOOD		
BAD		
EXPENSIVE		
DIFFICULT		
HEAVY		
NOISY		



READ THE INFORMATION AND MAKE SENTENCES USING THE COMPARATIVE

SAM
 AGE: 8 YEARS OLD
 WEIGHT: 35 KILOS
 HEIGHT: 1,35

KARL
 AGE: 7 YEARS OLD
 WEIGHT: 28 KILOS
 HEIGHT: 1,28

BETTY
 AGE: 9 YEARS OLD
 WEIGHT: 33 KILOS
 HEIGHT: 1,35

LIZA
 AGE: 10 YEARS OLD
 WEIGHT: 32 KILOS
 HEIGHT: 1,40

EXAMPLE:

SAM / LIZA (YOUNG) SAM IS YOUNGER THAN LIZA

- 1-BETTY/ KARL (TALL)
- 2-LIZA / BETTY (OLD)
- 3-KARL / SAM (SHORT)
- 4-LIZA / BETTY (HEAVY)
- 5-KARL / BETTY (THIN)

MAKE SENTENCES USING THE SUPERLATIVE

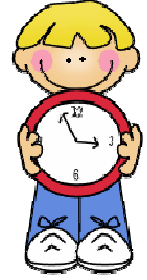
- (YOUNG)
- (TALL)
- (OLD)
- (HEAVY)
- (THIN)
- (SHORT)

Comparatives and Superlatives



1. Write the adjectives in brackets in the Comparative form.

- a) John Lennon was (OLD) _____ Paul McCartney.
- b) Some people think the Met is (GOOD) _____ the Louvre.
- c) Eric was (AFRAID) _____ in Harlem _____ in the Subway.
- d) Cats are (NICE) _____ dogs.
- e) Cartoons are (GOOD) _____ music programmes.
- f) The Empire State is (BIG) _____ the Chrysler Building.
- g) Barcelona is (SMALL) _____ Madrid, but (BIG) _____ Valencia.



2. Write the adjectives in brackets in the Superlative form.

- a) Samantha is the (PRETTY) _____ girl that Paul has ever met.
- b) I think that King Kong was the (BAD) _____ film ever!
- c) Mounth Everest is the (HIGH) _____ mountain in the world.
- d) Our English teacher is the (GOOD) _____ teacher ever!
- e) My room is the (CLEAN) _____ room in my house.
- f) Ron is the (CLEVER) _____ person I've ever met.
- g) The Millenium Star is one of the (EXPENSIVE) _____ diamonds in the world.



3. Write the sentences in the correct order.

- a) are / than / faster / Cars / bikes.
- b) interesting / is / than / more / History / Maths.
- c) than / is / exciting / New York / Albany.
- d) than / funnier / Comics / magazines / are
- e) Japan / expensive / the / country. / is / most



4. Complete the table. Pay attention and don't forget *than* or *the*.

ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
Good		
	Nicer than	
		The most annoying
	Cheaper than	
Expensive		
Bad		
	Bigger	
		The tallest
	Prettier	
Fast		
	Happier	
		The smallest
	Sadier	
Boring		

