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## Comparative and Superlative; *both...and, either...or, neither...nor*



### Comparative and superlative adjectives

	Comparative	Superlative
<b>Adjective</b>		
slow	slower than	the slowest
nice	nicer than	the nicest
big	bigger than	the biggest
heavy	heavier than	the heaviest
expensive	more expensive than	the most expensive
<b>Irregular adjective</b>		
good	better than	the best
bad	worse than	the worst
much / many	more than	the most
far	farther / further than	the farthest / furthest
little	less than	the least

- Χρησιμοποιούμε τον *Comparative* όταν θέλουμε να συγκρίνουμε δύο πράγματα ή ανθρώπους κλπ.

*The cowboy hat is **nicer than** your hat!*

- Για να σχηματίσουμε τον *Comparative*, βάζουμε την κατάληξη **-er** στο τέλος των μονοσύλλαβων ή δισύλλαβων επιθέτων. Στα πολυσύλλαβα επίθετα, όμως, βάζουμε μόνο τη λέξη **more** μπροστά από το επίθετο χωρίς καμία κατάληξη. Επίσης, χρησιμοποιούμε τη λέξη **than** για να συγκρίνουμε τα δύο πράγματα ή πρόσωπα.

*Ants are **smaller than** dogs.*

*Dancing is **more exciting than** jogging.*

- Χρησιμοποιούμε τον *Superlative* όταν θέλουμε να ξεχωρίσουμε έναν άνθρωπο ή ένα πράγμα ανάμεσα σε πολλά.

*My hat is **the nicest of all!***

- Για να σχηματίσουμε τον *Superlative*, όταν το επίθετο είναι μονοσύλλαβο ή δισύλλαβο, βάζουμε το **the** μπροστά από το επίθετο και την κατάληξη **-est** στο τέλος του επιθέτου. Στα πολυσύλλαβα επίθετα, όμως, βάζουμε μόνο τη φράση **the most** μπροστά από το επίθετο.

*This is **the biggest** cake the shop has!*

*Maths is **the most interesting** school subject!*

### Spelling rules

- Στα περισσότερα μονοσύλλαβα επίθετα βάζουμε την κατάληξη **-er** στον *Comparative* και την κατάληξη **-est** στον *Superlative*.  
*fast – faster – the fastest*
- Αν το επίθετο τελειώνει σε **σύμφωνο – φωνήεν** – **σύμφωνο**, διπλασιάζουμε το τελευταίο σύμφωνο (double consonant) και προσθέτουμε **-er** στον *Comparative* και **-est** στον *Superlative*.  
*hot – hotter – the hottest*
- Στα μονοσύλλαβα επίθετα που τελειώνουν σε **-e**, βάζουμε μόνο **-r** στον *Comparative* και **-st** στον *Superlative*.  
*nice – nicer – the nicest*
- Στα επίθετα που τελειώνουν σε **-y**, βγάζουμε το **-y** και προσθέτουμε **-ier** στον *Comparative* και **-iest** στον *Superlative*.  
*easy – easier – the easiest*

### Look Out!

- Στον *Comparative* χρησιμοποιούμε τη λέξη **than** για να συγκρίνουμε και όχι τη λέξη *from*.  
*My robot vacuum cleaner is faster ~~from~~ than Tom's vacuum cleaner!*
- Στον *Superlative* όταν θέλουμε να συγκρίνουμε έναν άνθρωπο ή πράγμα με όλα τα άλλα, χρησιμοποιούμε την έκφραση **of all** ή την έκφραση **in the world / class / city** κλπ.  
*Mary is the nicest girl of all.*  
*That's the fastest computer in the world!*
- Μερικά επίθετα σχηματίζουν διαφορετικά τον *Comparative* και τον *Superlative*. Αυτά τα μαθαίνουμε απ' έξω.  
*bad – worse – the worst*

### 1 Write the comparative and superlative form of the adjectives.

	Comparative	Superlative
kind	kinder	kindest
bad		
busy		
cheap		
quiet		
funny		
good		
big		
large		
intelligent		

	Comparative	Superlative
angry		
interesting		
messy		
helpful		
thin		
quick		
friendly		
sad		
nice		
tired		

## 2 Circle the correct answer.

1. Skateboards are safer than / the safest motorbikes.
2. I believe that tennis is *more exciting* / the most exciting sport of all!
3. Paula is *more intelligent* / the most intelligent girl in our class.
4. My dog is *fatter than* / the fattest dog I know!
5. Sam has got a *better* / the best camera than mine.
6. What's a *more dangerous* / the most dangerous sport in the world?
7. I'm *shorter* / the shortest than my sister.
8. Adventure films are *more interesting* / the most interesting than drama films.



## 3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in brackets. Use Comparative or Superlative.

1. Kelly has the fastest (fast) bike in the school.
2. William and Paul are \_\_\_\_\_ (good) basketball players than Jim and Tom.
3. What's \_\_\_\_\_ (long) river in the world?
4. Harry's room is \_\_\_\_\_ (messy) in our family!
5. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ (bad) than my best friend at speaking French.
6. I think shopping is \_\_\_\_\_ (boring) than watching videos online.
7. Our cat is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) than our dog!
8. My Dad is \_\_\_\_\_ (intelligent) person I know!

## 4 Complete the dialogue with the adjectives in brackets. Use Comparative or Superlative.

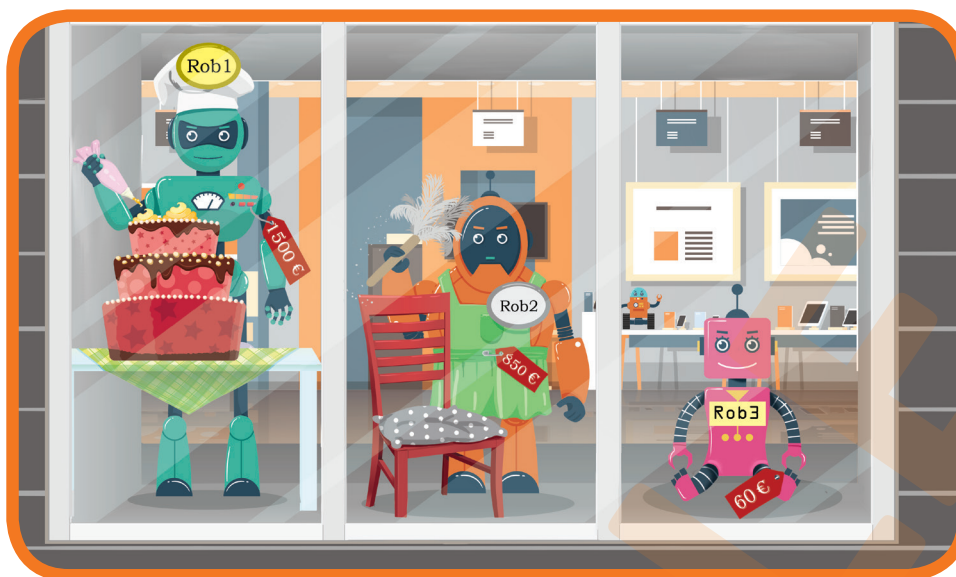
- Ben:** I want to buy a new laptop, but I don't know which one.
- Gina:** Z-tops are very good!
- Ben:** Yes, but Rions are <sup>1</sup> faster (fast). And they've got <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (big) screens too!
- Gina:** I know, but they're <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive)! And the colours on the monitor are <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (bad)!
- Ben:** But everybody says they're <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) of all for video games!
- Gina:** No, they aren't! They're <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (slow) than Z-tops and sometimes they stop working. Z-tops are <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (stylish) and beautiful laptops in the market!
- Ben:** Bah! I still think Rions are <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (good) than them!



## 5 Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

1. Peter is the kindest person I know!
2. Susan is taller \_\_\_\_\_ her sister.
3. What's \_\_\_\_\_ most interesting film in your opinion?
4. Who is the fastest runner \_\_\_\_\_ your class?
5. Betty's hair is longer \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
6. Shopping for clothes is \_\_\_\_\_ exciting than shopping for food.
7. Who is \_\_\_\_\_ best basketball player in the world?
8. Loading the dishwasher is the dirtiest chore \_\_\_\_\_ all!

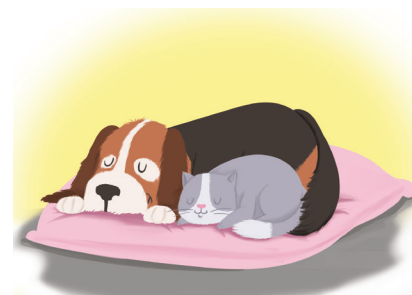
- 6 Look at the picture and complete the sentences with the adjectives in brackets. Use Comparative or Superlative.



1. Rob2 is more intelligent than (intelligent) Rob3.
2. Rob1 is \_\_\_\_\_ (heavy) all.
3. Rob1 is \_\_\_\_\_ (expensive) all.
4. Rob2 is \_\_\_\_\_ (cheap) Rob1.
5. Rob3 is \_\_\_\_\_ (small) all.
6. Rob2 is \_\_\_\_\_ (big) Rob3.
7. Rob1 is \_\_\_\_\_ (good) all.
8. Rob3 is \_\_\_\_\_ (cute) Rob1.

- 7 Write true sentences about you. Use Comparative or Superlative.

1. dogs / cats / cute  
Cats are cuter than dogs OR Dogs are cuter than cats.
2. ironing clothes / all household chores / difficult  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. volleyball / football / exciting  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. computer studies / all school subjects / interesting  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. my maths teacher / my history teacher / busy  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. hanging out with friends / downloading music / boring  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. burgers / pizza / good  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. my Mum / all other members in the family / patient  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Both...and, either...or, neither...nor

Όταν θέλουμε να πούμε ότι **κάτι ισχύει για δύο** ανθρώπους ή δύο πράγματα, τότε χρησιμοποιούμε το **both...and** (=και...και). Με το **either...or** (=ή...ή) δείχνουμε ότι **κάτι ισχύει είτε για το ένα είτε για το άλλο**. Ακόμη, χρησιμοποιούμε το **neither...nor** (=ούτε...ούτε) για να δείξουμε ότι **κάτι δεν ισχύει ούτε για το ένα ούτε για το άλλο**.

**Both** Maria **and** Peter are good students.

You can use **either** the laptop **or** the desktop computer.

**Neither** Sandra **nor** Paul came to the party.

### Look Out!

Το **neither...nor** έχει ήδη αρνητική σημασία και γι' αυτό το ρήμα πάντα μπαίνει στην κατάφαση.  
**Neither** my laptop **nor** my phone **work(s)**.

### 8 Complete the sentences with **both**, **and**, **either**, **or**, **neither** or **nor**.

- Jenny enjoys both pop and hip hop music.
- Martin likes \_\_\_\_\_ adventure and science fiction films.
- You can come \_\_\_\_\_ to the morning or the afternoon class.
- This robot can \_\_\_\_\_ clean nor vacuum floors.
- Harry neither called \_\_\_\_\_ came to the party last week.
- The children are either going to study now \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow morning.

### 9 Read the text and write the missing words. Write one word in each gap.

I love watching videos on You Tube. They're shorter<sup>1</sup> than films on TV so I can watch a lot of them in one evening. My best friend thinks watching videos at home is <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ boring than meeting friends. I actually enjoy <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ staying at home and going out, but my parents believe it's better to go out <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ stay at home. My brother thinks <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ best way to have fun is to invite friends over to your house. At the moment, I'm <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ watching videos nor meeting friends! I'm studying for a test! What do you like doing in your free time?

### 10 Tick (✓) the correct sentences. Put a cross (X) next to the wrong sentences. Correct the mistakes.

- Standing in a queue is the worse thing for me! **X**  
Standing in a queue is the worst thing for me!
- Paying in cash is gooder than paying by credit card.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- My sister enjoys both shopping in small shops and online.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Dad always carries heaviest shopping bags home.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- She neither checked her change nor her receipt.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Riding a bike is both good for you or the environment.  
\_\_\_\_\_

