



COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

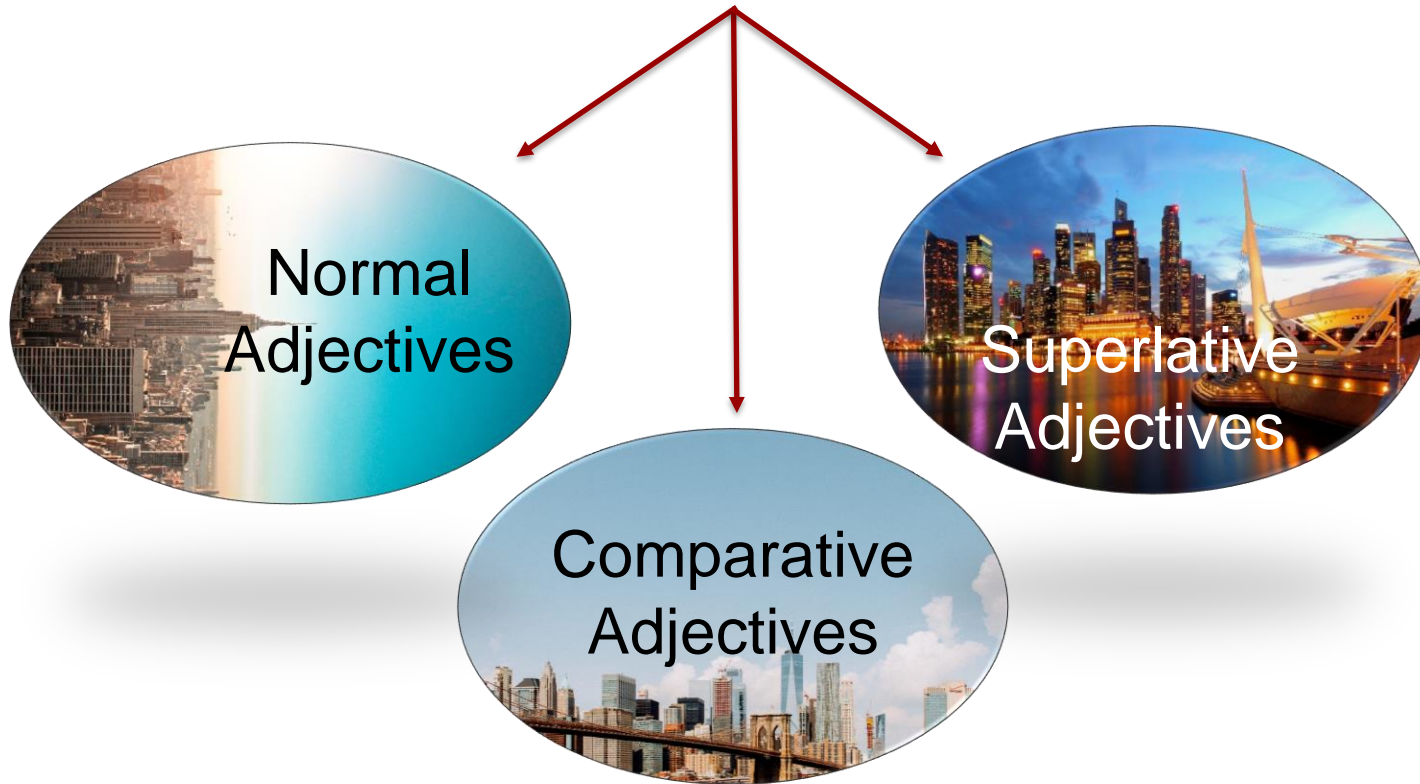


Objectives:

- 1. To study the rules of using Comparative and Superlative adjectives.**
- 2. Grammar Exercises.**
- 3. Questions.**



TYPES OF ADJECTIVES



COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between the two objects they modify (larger, smaller, faster, higher). They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared, in this pattern:

Noun (subject) + verb + **comparative adjective** + **than** + noun

We have two groups of adjectives:



□ Short adjective + ER +than

I'm 70.



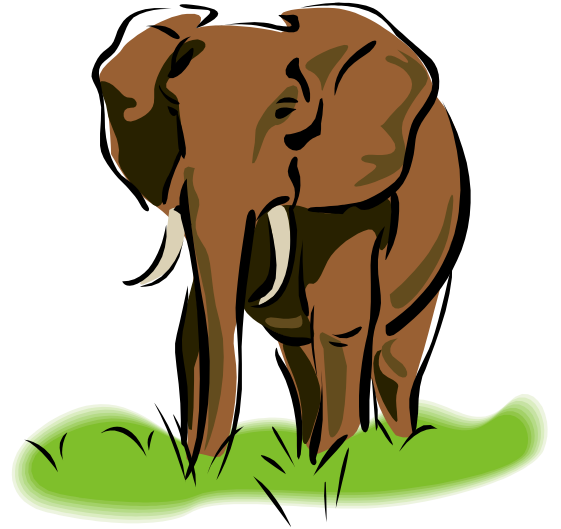
I'm 75.



The woman is **old**. The man is **older than** the woman.

The woman is **old**, but she is **younger than** the man.

□ Short adjective + ER +than

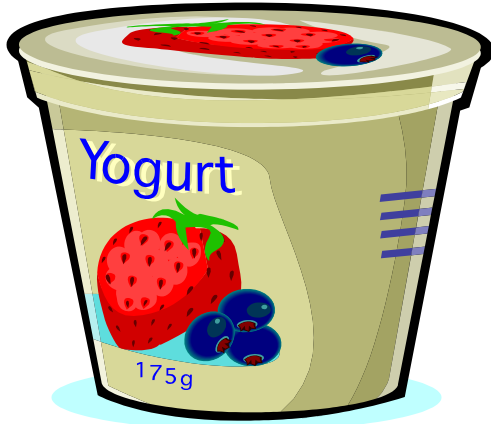


The polar bear is **big**

The elephant is **bigger than** the polar bear.

The polar bear is **big**, but it is **smaller than** the elephant

□ Short adjective + ER +than



Yogurt is **tasty**, but ice cream is **tastier than** yogurt.

❑ **Short adjective ending with a consonant + ER**

Old → Older

Young → Younger

❖ **If the letter before the last in the adjective is a vowel (a,o,e,i,u), we double the last letter:**

Big → Bigger

Hot → Hotter

❖ **If the adjective ends with a (-Y), we change the (-y) into (-i):**

Easy → Easier

Heavy → Heavier

❖ **If the adjective ends with an (-e), we only add the (-r):**

Late → Later

Cute → Cuter



□ Long adjective:

MORE + long adjective + than



Exciting → **more exciting than**

Beautiful → **more beautiful than**

□ Irregular adjectives

Good → **Better than**

Bad → **Worse than**

Little → **Less than**



- My house is **more beautiful than** hers.
- The rock flew **higher than** the roof.
- You play tennis **worse than** I do.
- Today is a **better** day **than** yesterday.
- The dress is **more expensive than** the t-shirt.

COMPARATIVE



(big)

Lakes are bigger than rivers



COMPARATIVE



(small)

A house is smaller than a building.



COMPARATIVE



(cold)

A mountain is colder than a valley



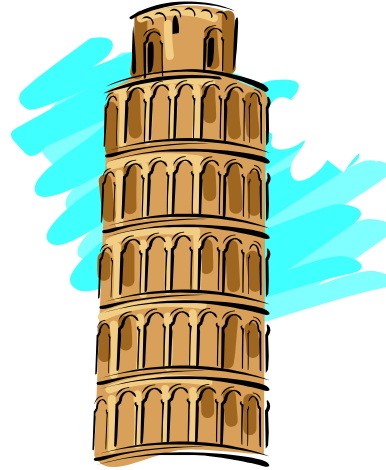
SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

Superlative adjectives are used to describe an object which is at the upper or lower limit of a quality (the tallest, the smallest, the fastest, the highest). They are used in sentences where a subject is compared to a group of objects, in this pattern:

Noun (subject) + verb + **the + **superlative adjective** + noun.**

big – bigger – the biggest

□ Short adjective + **THE** + **EST**



Big Ben is **old**.

The tower is **older than** Big Ben.

The Pyramids are **older than** the tower.

The Pyramids are **the oldest**.

□ Short adjective + **THE** + **EST**



The **yellow house** is small.

The **green house** is **bigger than** the yellow one.

The **blue house** is **the biggest**.

❑ Short adjective ending with a consonant+ EST.

Old → Oldest

Young → Youngest

❖ If the letter before the last in the adjective is a vowel (a,o,e,i,u), we double the last letter:

Big → Biggest

Hot → Hottest

❖ If the adjective ends with a (-Y), we change the (-y) into (-i):

Easy → Easiest

Heavy → Heaviest

❖ If the adjective ends with an (-e), we only add the (-st):

Nice → Nicest

Cute → Cutest



□ Long adjective:

THE MOST + long adjective

Exciting → **the most exciting**

Beautiful → **the most beautiful**

□ Irregular adjectives

Good → **Better** → **Best**

Bad → **Worse** → **Worst**

Little → **Less** → **Least**





- Their house is **the largest** one in our neighborhood.
- This is **the best** game I've ever played.
- Your dog ran **the fastest** of any dog in the race.
- I bought **the most expensive** dress in the shop.

SUPERLATIVE



(big)

Asia is the biggest continent.

SUPERLATIVE

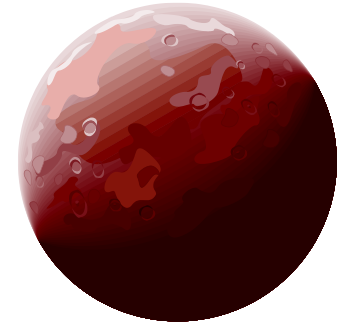


(small)

Australia is the smallest continent.



Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Jupiter is bigger than Mars. (big)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



The moon is smaller than Earth.
(small)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Mars is colder than Earth. (cold)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



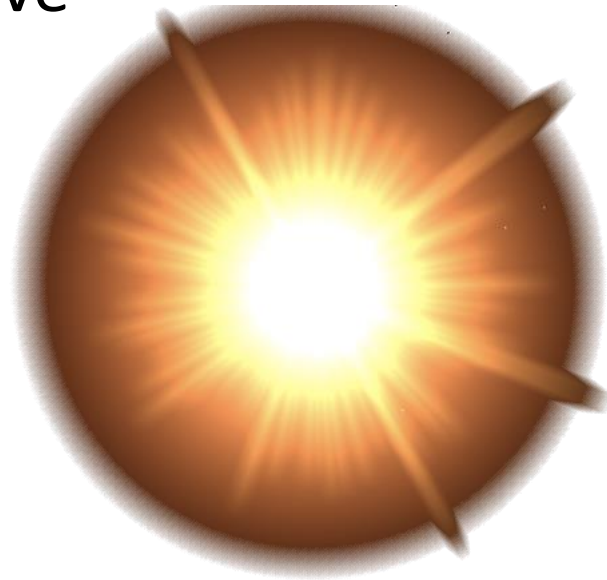
Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System. (small)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



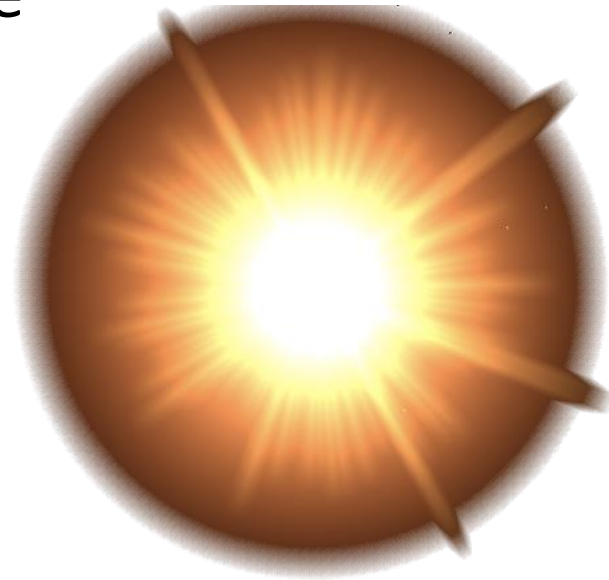
Venus is hotter than Uranus. (hot)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Mercury is **the closest** planet to the Sun. (close)

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Neptune is **the furthest** planet from
the Sun. (far)



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