

# COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

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

tall  
happy  
fat  
large  
short  
tiny  
easy  
angry  
early  
big

- Comparative
- taller
- happier
- fatter
- larger
- shorter
- tinier
- easier
- angrier
- earlier
- bigger
- Superlative
- the tallest
- 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, simple

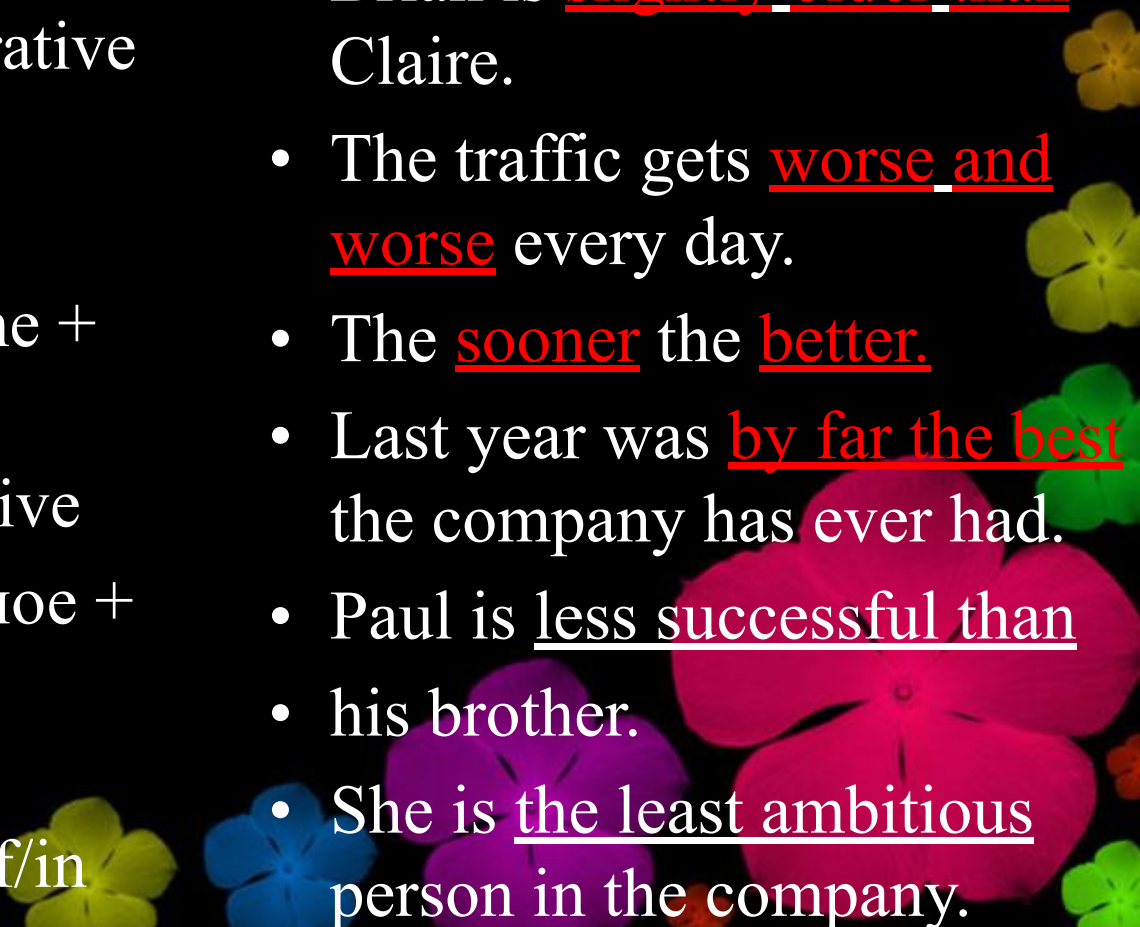
clever-**more**  
clever-the **most**  
clever;  
Cruel-clever**er**-the  
clever**est**

# Exceptions

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



## 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 blue shirt is (not) as  
expensive as the red one.
  - Brian is slightly older than  
Claire.
  - The traffic gets worse and  
worse every day.
  - The sooner the better.
  - Last year was by far the best  
the company has ever had.
  - Paul is less successful than  
his brother.
  - She is the least ambitious  
person in the company.
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# Comparison of adverbs

- hard, fast, early, late, high, low, deep, long, near, straight ( look like adjectives)
- **er** - comparative
- **est** – superlative
- Fast-faster**er**-the fastest
- Other adverbs (quickly, slowly, accurately)
- **more**-comparative
- **the most** - superlative
- quickly-**more** quickly  
-**the most** quickly



# A mini-test

1. Tchaikovsky is by far (talented) composer of the 19th century.
2. The Planets is Vivaldi's (famous) work.
3. He has been practicing a lot so his music is getting (good) and (good).
4. Vivaldi has (good) musical output .
5. This is (bad) song I have ever heard.
6. Which of these pictures do you think is (good)?
7. I think this painting must have been much (difficult) to paint than that one.

1. the most talented
2. most famous
3. better and better
4. the biggest
5. the worst
6. better
7. more difficult





# A mini-test

1. Ryan draws much.....  
(accurately) than I do.
2. Could you speak a bit  
.....(slowly), please?
3. The jewel-like sculptures look  
.....(little) like art  
and..... (much) like food.
4. The ..... (much) Jane  
practiced, the ..... (easy) it  
became for her to make pots.
5. She runs .....(fast) than Kate.

1. more  
accurately
2. more  
slowly
3. less ,  
more
4. more ,  
easier
5. faster





# A mini-test

- 1). My father is heavy. My uncle is much **heavier** than my father. 2). The test in Geography was easy, but the test in Biology was **easier**. 3). Sochi is sunny. Do you know the **sunniest** place in Russia? 4). Sten is a successful sportsman. His sister is **more successful** than Sten. 5). My mother has a soft voice. But my sister's voice is **softer** than my mother's. 6). Amy has a beautiful baby, but my daughter has the **most beautiful** baby on earth.

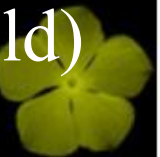
Use “as...as” or “not as...as” in the sentences below.

- a. Today it's **not as windy as** yesterday.  
(not/ windy)
- b. This copy is **as bad as** the other one.  
(bad)
- c. Simon is **not as tall as** Fred. (not/ tall)
- d. Grapefruit juice is **not as sweet as** lemonade. (not/ sweet)
- e. Silver is **not as heavy as** gold. (not/ heavy)
- f. Oliver is **as optimistic as** Peter. (optimistic)



# 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
- **empty**, busy, **thrilled**, nervous, worried, careful, comfortable, slippery, expensive, sure, cold, famous, certain, **certain**, **unexpected**, irresponsible, **irresponsible**, **impossible**

Complete the gaps with the word **VERY** or **ABSOLUTELY**!

- 1) I would eat ... only if I were \_\_\_\_\_ hungry.
  - 2) The last time I was \_\_\_\_\_ unhappy was...
  - 3) ...makes me \_\_\_\_\_ furious.
  - 4) I think the film... is \_\_\_\_\_ terrifying.
  - 5) If I were \_\_\_\_\_ rich, I...
- 1,2,5-very
  - 3,4-absolutely
  - Ex.: I would eat frogs' legs only if I were very hungry.
  - Make your own sentences.



# Choose the right option.

The tickets for the concert were  extremely expensive.

It was  rather late, so Jane to stop playing loud music.

It was  completely impossible to get the tickets to the opera.

The Bolshoi Theatre is a very  famous theatre in Australia.

The concert hall was totally  empty, as they had cancelled the performance.

They were slightly  worried when all the lights went out.





Fill in : very/ completely/ a bit/ really/absolutely

- a. I speak **very** good Italian but my French is terrible.
- b. What an **absolutely** gorgeous skirt! Where did you buy it?
- c. You should have come to the party. It was \_\_\_\_\_ **completely** astic.
- d. Sorry. I'm **a bit** late, aren't I?
- e. Have you seen that film? It's **really** amazing!





Exercises from the workbook.( 5 c , ex.1p46)

1. darkest
2. ugliest
3. more serious
4. lighter
5. more suitable
6. funnier
7. more colourful
8. more cheerful



## Exercises from the workbook.( 5 c)

- **Ex.2p.46**
  - **1 very**
  - **2 rather**
  - **3 absolutely**
  - **4 totally**
  - **5 rather**
- **Ex.3p.46**
  - **1 the most**
  - **2 more accurately**
  - **3 the worst**
  - **4 more easily**
  - **5 better**
  - **6 less**



## Exercises from the workbook.

- Ex.4p.46
  - 1 A more and more
  - 2 A The more talented
  - 3 B a lot better
  - 4 B much funnier
  - 5 A slightly better
- Ex.1p.52
  - the most expensive
  - the best
  - more interesting
  - more original
  - brighter
  - the saddest
  - more lasting



## Exercises from the workbook.

- Ex.2p.52

- 1) longer
- 2) older
- 3) more talented
- 4) later
- 5) more
- 6) most popular
- 7) worse

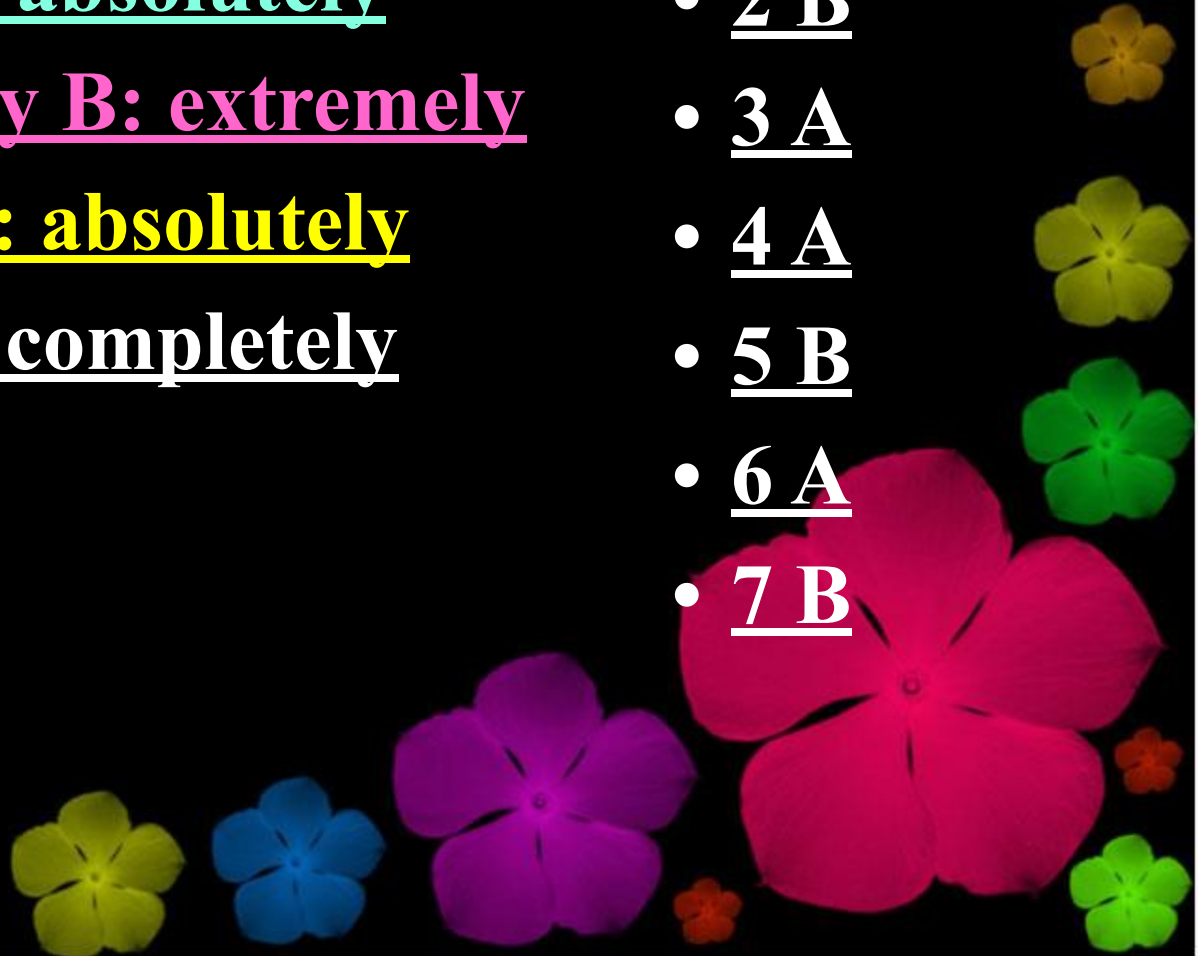
- Ex.3 p.52

- 1) bit
- 2) easier and easier
- 3) much
- 4) much
- 5) the higher



## Exercises from the workbook.

- **Ex.4p.52**
- **1 A: rather B: totally**
- **2 A: fairly B: absolutely**
- **3 A: completely B: extremely**
- **4 A: slightly B: absolutely**
- **5 A: rather B: completely**
- **Ex.6p.53**
- **1 C**
- **2 B**
- **3 A**
- **4 A**
- **5 B**
- **6 A**
- **7 B**



# Self-check

- **1 later**
- **2 the worst**
- **3 more carefully**
- **4 the most intelligent**
- **5 the most talented**
- **6 tallest**
- **7 better, better**
- **8 more patient**
- **9 more skilfully**
- **10 more hardworking**

