

# Degrees of Comparison



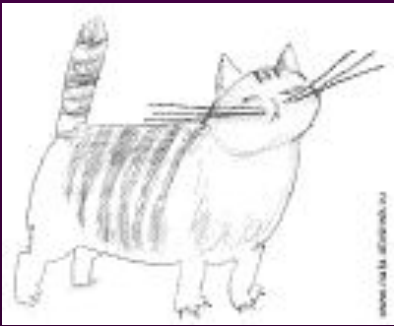
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I	II	III
Positive	Comparative	Superlative
большой big	больше bigger	самый большой the biggest
		

# WAYS of FORMATION



## Way 1

tall  
strong

Adj

tall + er = taller  
stronger

Adj

+er

tall + est = the tallest  
the strongest

the

Adj

+est



# SPELLING

1. nice + er / est

e

nice – nice~~er~~ – the nice~~est~~

large – large~~r~~ – the large~~st~~

2. happy + er / est

y i

happy – happy~~er~~ – the happy~~est~~

heavy – heav~~y~~er – the heav~~y~~est

3. fat + er / est

t + t

fat – fatt~~er~~ – the fatt~~est~~

big – bigg~~er~~ – the bigg~~est~~



**NB!**

**Letters w, x – are not doubled (не удваиваются).**

**Form the degrees of comparison of the following words:**

**fine -**

**short –**

**pretty –**

**thin -**

**clever -**

**long -**

**lazy -**

**mad -**

**high -**

**red -**

**new -**

**hot -**

**bright -**

# Let's Check up

**fine - finer – the finest**

**short – shorter – the shortest**

**pretty – prettier – the prettiest**

**thin – thinner – the thinnest**

**clever – cleverer – the cleverest**

**long – longer – the longest**

**lazy – lazier – the laziest**

**mad – madder – the maddest**

**high – higher – the highest**

**red – redder – the reddest**

**new – newer – the newest**

**hot – hotter – the hottest**

**bright – brighter – the brightest**

## We Use Way 1 with:

### 1. “Short”, one-syllable adjectives:

new – new**er** – the new**est**

### 2. Two-syllable adjectives, ending in e, er, y, ow :

narrow – narrow**er** – the narrow**est**

### 3. Exceptions:

common – common**er** – the common**est**

quiet – quiet**er** – the quiet**est**



### **NB!**

Adverbs with the ending– **ly**, form comparatives according to Way 2, exception –the word **early**.



# WAYS of FORMATION

## Way II

1

Adj

beautiful  
dangerous

2

more

Adj

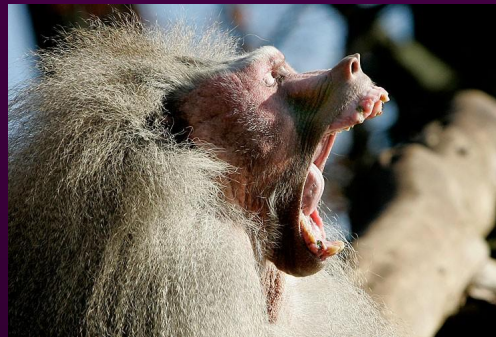
more beautiful  
more dangerous

3

the most

Adj

the most beautiful  
the most dangerous



# Form the degrees of comparison of the following words:

- famous –
- difficult –
- comfortable –
- interesting –
- beautiful -
- complicated –
- dangerous –
- amazing –
- amusing –
- frightening –

# Let's Check up

**famous – more famous- the most famous**

**difficult – more difficult - the most difficult**

**comfortable – more comfortable – the most comfortable**

**interesting – more interesting – the most interesting**

**beautiful - more beautiful – the most beautiful**

**complicated – more complicated – the most complicated**

**dangerous – more dangerous – the most dangerous**

**amazing – more amazing – the most amazing**

**amusing –more amusing – the most amusing**

**frightening – more frightening – the most frightening**

# Exceptions – Way III

good – better – the best



This house is **good**.



is **better**

This house is **the best** of the three.



# bad – worse – the worst



first house is ... .



second house is ... than the first one.



third house is ... of the three.

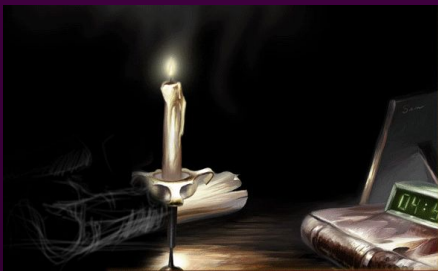
# little – less – the least



There is **little** light in this room.



There is **less** light in this room.



There is **the least** light in this room.



**much** - more - the most  
**many**

There are **many** apples on the plate.



There are **more** apples in the basket.



There are **the most** apples in the box.



**far** – **farther** - the **farthest**  
**further** - the **furthest**

This church is **far**.



This church is even **farther**.



This church is **the farthest** of all.



**NB!** Read **further**, please!





**old** – **older** – **the oldest**  
**elder** - **the eldest** (in the family)

This portrait is **old**.



*sister.*

*This is **older***

This portrait is even **older**.



This portrait is **the oldest**.



## Form the degrees of comparison of the following words:

merry –

bad –

magnificent –

many –

greedy –

wide –

hard –

useful –

good –

little –

small –

fortunate –

common –

slow –

far –

mad –

# Let's Check up

merry –merrier – the merriest

bad – worse – the worst

magnificent – more magnificent – the most magnificent

many – more - the most

greedy –greedier - the greediest

wide –wider – the widest

hard –harder - the hardest

useful –more useful – the most useful

good – better – the best

little – less – the least

small –smaller - the smallest

fortunate – more fortunate – the most fortunate

common –commoner - the commonest

slow –slower - the slowest

far –father/further - the farthest/the furthest

mad –madder - the maddest

as

Adj

as - такой же ... как

William Hogarth is **as famous as** sir Joshua Reynolds.



not so (as)

Adj

as - не такой ... как

Lilla Cabot Perry is **not so popular as** Pablo Picasso.



## Fill in the missing words:

1. I am older \_\_\_\_\_ Tom.
2. This book is \_\_\_\_\_ most interesting \_\_\_\_\_ all.
3. New York is not \_\_\_\_\_ ancient \_\_\_\_\_ Rome.
4. He is \_\_\_\_\_ cleverest \_\_\_\_\_ the class.
5. It was not \_\_\_\_\_ bad yesterday \_\_\_\_\_ it is today.
6. Is the Volga longer \_\_\_\_\_ the Nile?
7. Today's weather is \_\_\_\_\_ worst \_\_\_\_\_ the week.
8. Fred is \_\_\_\_\_ tallest \_\_\_\_\_ the three.
9. This hotel is \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable \_\_\_\_\_ that.
10. My dog is better \_\_\_\_\_ yours.

# Put the adjectives in brackets into the correct form:

1. The weather is (fine) \_\_\_\_\_ today than it was yesterday.
2. London is one of the (big) \_\_\_\_\_ city in the world.
3. This sentence is (difficult) \_\_\_\_\_ than the first one.
4. This dictation is not so (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ as the last one.
5. Which is the (high) \_\_\_\_\_ mountain in the world?
6. His face was getting (red) \_\_\_\_\_ and (red) \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. This present is the (good) \_\_\_\_\_ of all.
8. Your composition was the (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ in the class.
9. The cat will be much (happy) \_\_\_\_\_ in her new home.
10. I am not so (tall ) \_\_\_\_\_ as Jimmy.
11. Athens is (far) \_\_\_\_\_ from London than Rome is.
12. This film is as (interesting) \_\_\_\_\_ as the one we saw last week.
13. They have (many) \_\_\_\_\_ hens than we have, but they get (few) \_\_\_\_\_ eggs.

## Answer the following questions:

1. Tom is taller than Richard. Richard is taller than Fred. Which of the boys is the tallest? Which is the shortest?
2. It is hotter in Athens than it is in London. It is not as hot in Oslo as it is in London. Which of the three cities is the hottest? Which is the coldest?
3. A train goes faster than a ship but not so fast as an airplane. Which is the fastest ? Which is the slowest?



**The End**

**Thank You**