

Degrees of Comparison



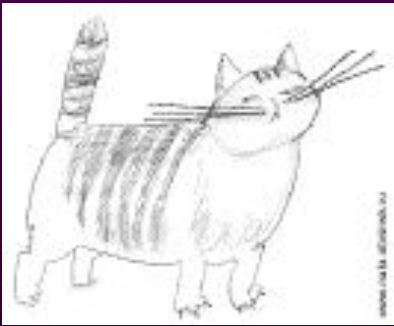
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DEGREES of COMPARISON



Degrees of Comparison



| 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 – fat~~t~~er – the fat~~t~~est

big – big~~g~~er – the big~~g~~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

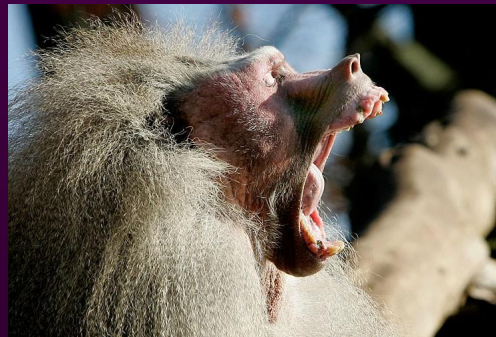
more beautiful
more dangerous

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.

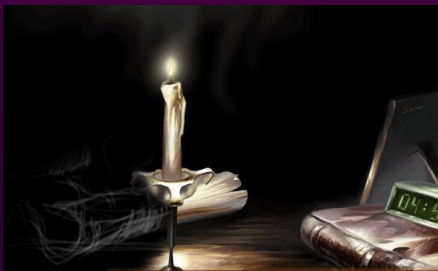
little – less – the least



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