ESOL E2 – Adjectives comparative and superlative

# of 17 – Welcome

Welcome to this session on adjectives

This session will cover:

* Comparatives
* Superlatives
* Word endings

# of 17 – Comparative adjectives

We use comparative adjectives for many different reasons, below are some examples.

**To describe**

We use comparative adjectives to describe people and things.

For example:

Brazil is **bigger** than the UK.

The UK is **smaller** than Brazil.

**To compare**

We use ‘than’ when we want to compare one thing to another.

For example:

My house is much **messier** than yours.

Your house is much **tidier** than mine.

**To describe changes**

When we want to describe how something or someone changes we can use two comparatives with ‘and’.

For example:

Fuel is getting **more and more expensive**.

The weather just keeps getting **hotter and hotter**!

**How one thing depends on another**

We can use ‘the’ with comparative adjectives to show that one thing depends on another.

For example:

The more you exercise, **the** fitter you will get.

The higher they climbed, **the** colder it got.

# of 17 – Superlative adjectives

We use ‘the’ with a superlative adjective.

For example:

Russia is **the biggest** country in the world.

My friend makes **the best** chocolate cake I have ever tasted.

# of 17 – Word endings: -er and -est

Small adjectives can be changed into comparatives or superlatives by adding –er and –est.

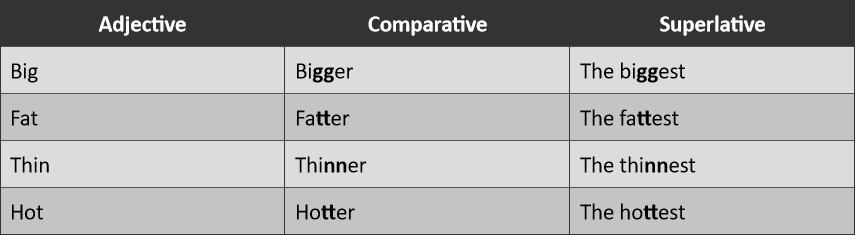
The table shows some examples.



# of 17 – Word endings: double consonants

For some words, you also need to double the consonants when changing them to a comparative or superlative.

The table shows some examples.



# of 17 – Word endings: tricky exceptions

# n this sentence, who is confused

Unfortunately, the –er and –est rule doesn’t apply to all adjectives. Some are trickier, and you will need to learn these.

The table shows some examples.



# of 17 – Question 1

Put the words in order, to create a sentence.

* The highest
* Everest
* in the world
* mountain
* is

Answer: **Everest is the highest mountain in the world.**

# of 17 – Question 2

Put the words in order, to create a sentence.

* country
* France
* bigger
* is a
* than Britain

Answer: **France is a bigger country than Britain.**

# of 17 – Question 3

Put the words in order, to create a sentence.

* the most expensive
* in the UK
* is
* city
* London

Answer: **London is the most expensive city in the UK.**

# of 17 – Question 4

Use the information in the menu to answer the following questions.

Which is the **cheapest** drink?



Answer: **Orange squash**

# of 17 – Question 5

Use the information in the menu to answer the following questions.

Which is the **most expensive** drink?



Answer: **Milkshake**

# of 17 – Question 6

Is the following statement true or false?

A cup of tea is **cheaper** than a cup of coffee.



Answer: **False**

# of 17 – Question 7

Is the following statement true or false?

Apple juice is **more expensive** than orange squash.



Answer: **True**

# of 17 – Question 8

Use the information in the train timetable to answer the following questions.

Which train takes **the longest** to get from Oxford to London Paddington?



* The train departing at 10:43
* The train departing at 11:01
* The train departing at 11:16

Answer: **The train departing at 10:43**

# of 17 – Question 9

Read the following sentence and decide if it is true or false.

The train departing at 11:01 is **the quickest** train.



Answer: **True**

# of 17 – Question 10

# Choose the correct words to complete the sentence.

# The \_\_\_\_\_ train to London Paddington departs from Oxford at 10:43. However, it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to get to

# London than the \_\_\_\_\_ trains.

# longer

# earliest

# Later

# Answer: The **earliest** train to London Paddington departs from Oxford at 10:43. However, it takes **longer** to get to London then the **later** trains.

# of 17 – End

Well done. You have completed this session on adjectives.

In this session we have covered:

* Comparatives
* Superlatives
* Word endings

If you have any questions about any of these topics, make a note and ask your tutor for more help.