Degrees of comparison (Adjectives)

There was an old man named Rama in Mysore .

He was a poor farmer. He had three lazy sons.

But all of them were strong and healthy young men.

This worried and saddened the old man.

The worried old man got an idea.

He called his sons and said, “ I have hidden a treasure in our farm land.

Go, find and share the treasure among you".

The over joyed sons started to turn each nook and corner of the field but didn't find anything. They were disappointed.

Their father said to them, " You have ploughed the field, why not sow a crop." The sons agreed.

Soon the crops grew lushly green.

The father said to the sons, " This is the treasure I wanted you to share."

The delighted sons thanked their loving father.

We see that *fruits of hard work are always sweet*.

Old
Poor
Worried
Saddened
Loving

Farmer/man

Lazy

Strong
Healthy
Delighted

Sons

These words old, poor, worried, Saddened, Strong, healthy, delighted lazy, loving, lushly, green - Adjectives

They tell us something about the **Noun man or farmer, son and crop.**

- The form of an adjective is often *changed* to show the extent or degree of quality present in a person or thing.

This change in form to show the *difference in level* is called Comparison.

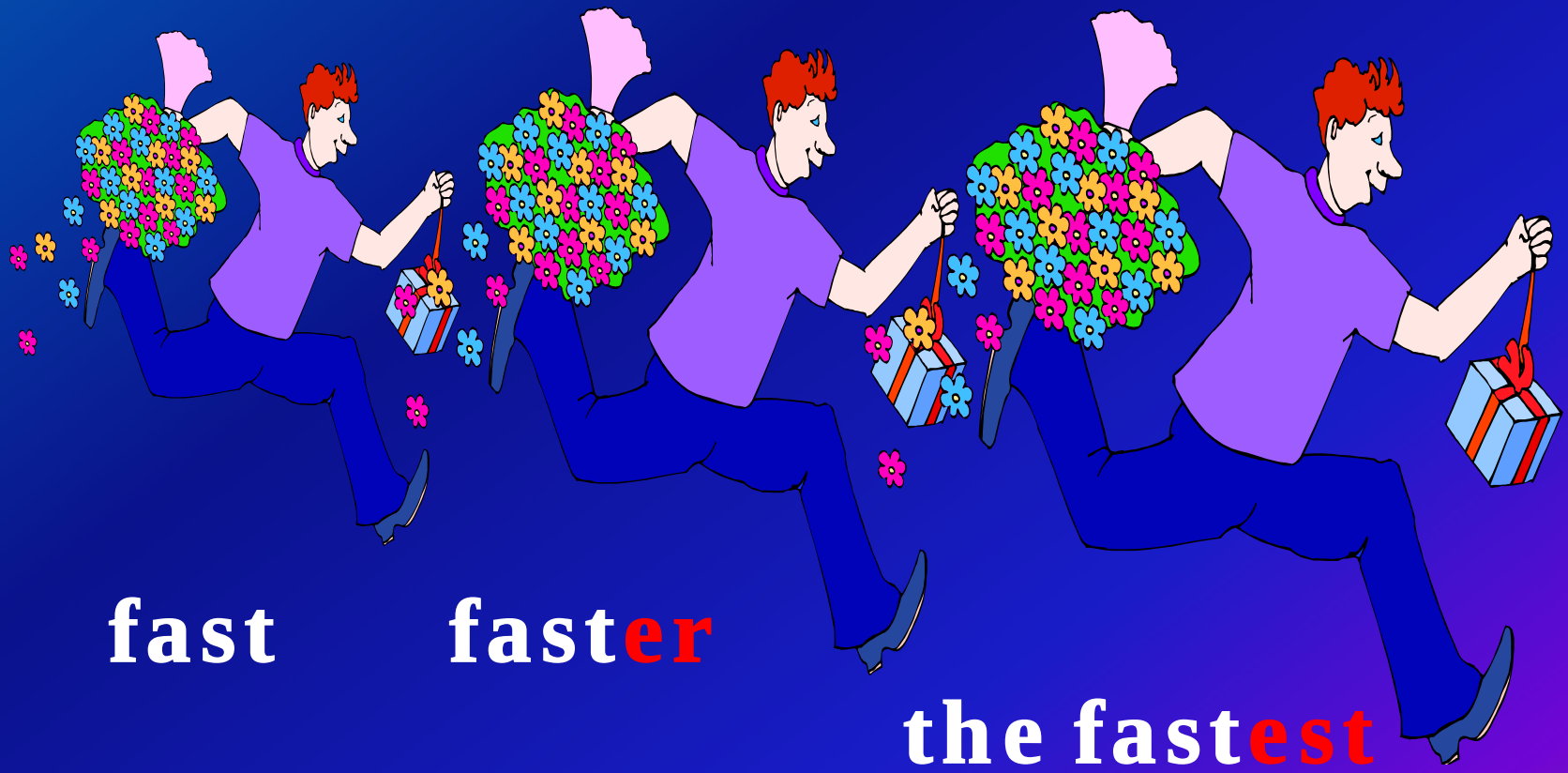
Example

Old	older	oldest
Strong	stronger	strongest
Healthy	healthier	healthiest
Loving	more loving	most loving

Forms of Adjectives

1. Positive
2. Comparative- **er**
3. Superlative- **est**

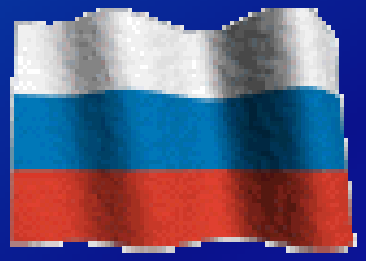
Fast - faster – the fastest



fast faster

the fastest

Large - larger - the largest



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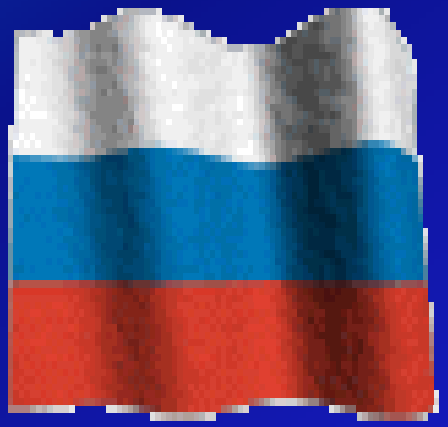

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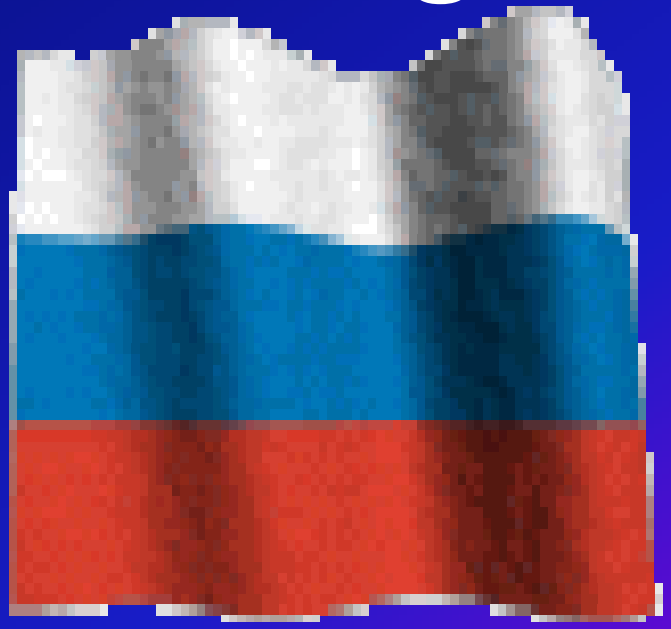


the largest

high

high**er**

the high**est**

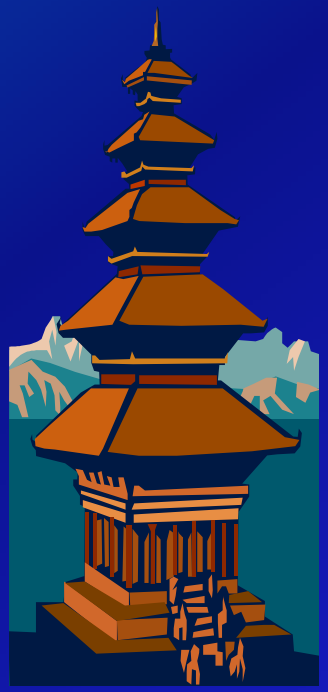
QUICK QUICKER the QUICKEST

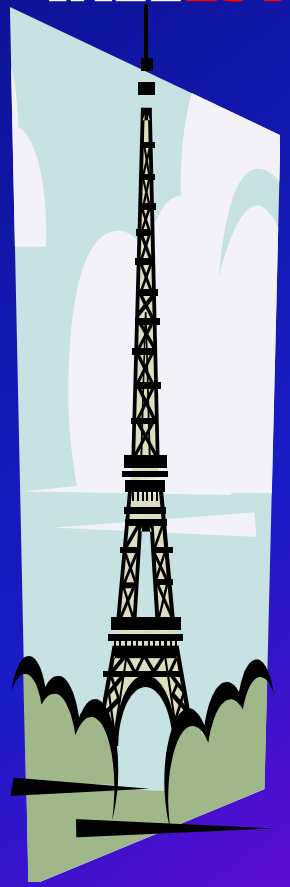
Quick Quicker Quickest

TALL

TALLER

TALLEST





TALL

TALLER

TALLEST

Fat – fatter – the fattest

fat

fatter

the fattest

Big - bigger - the biggest

big

bigger

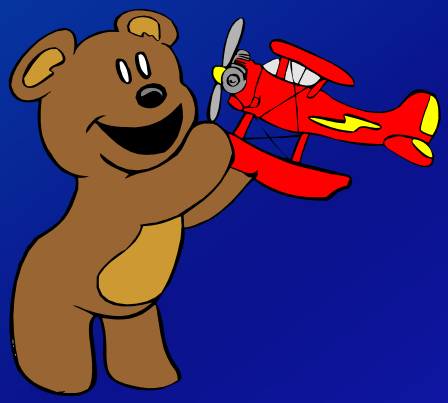
the biggest

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH PROPER ADJECTIVES

1. My grandmother has a ____house.
2. The girl wore a ____dress.
3. I wrote a ____ letter.
4. My mother is a ____woman.
5. An elephant is a _____animal.

[Huge, beautiful, Big, Long, Pretty]

Happy – Happier – The Happiest



happy happier the happiest

Ugly – uglier – the ugliest

ugly

uglier

the ugliest

Match the following

Positive Adjective	Comparative Adjective
1. Dry	1. Prettier
2. Easy	2. Drier
3. Pretty	3. Lovelier
4. Lovely	4. Easier

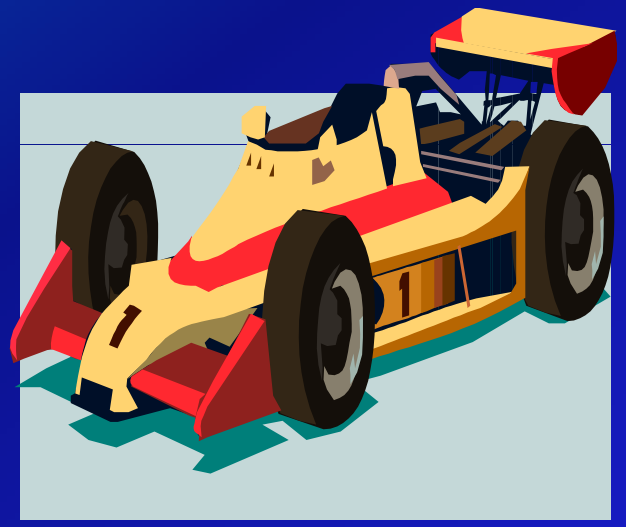
beautiful

more beautiful

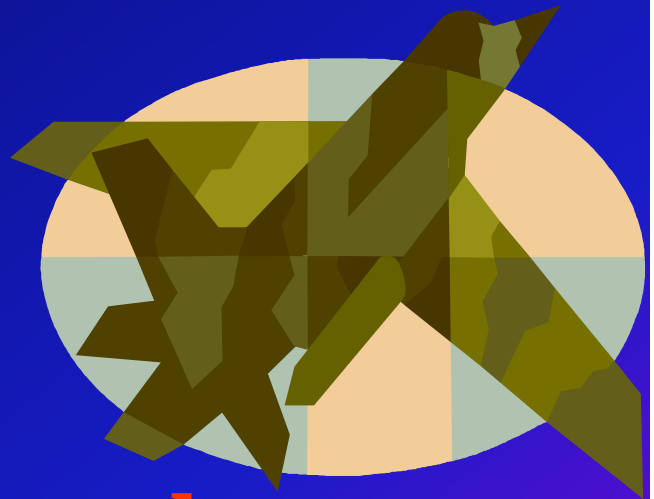
the most beautiful

Expensive – more expensive – the most expensive

expensive



more expensive



the most expensive

DANGEROUS MORE DANGEROUS THE MOST DANGEROUS

Terrible - more terrible - the most terrible

terrible

more terrible

the most terrible

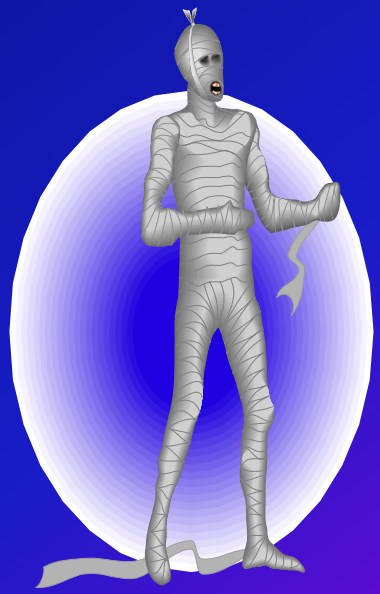
Little – less the least

little less the least

Bad – worse – the worst

bad

worse



the worst

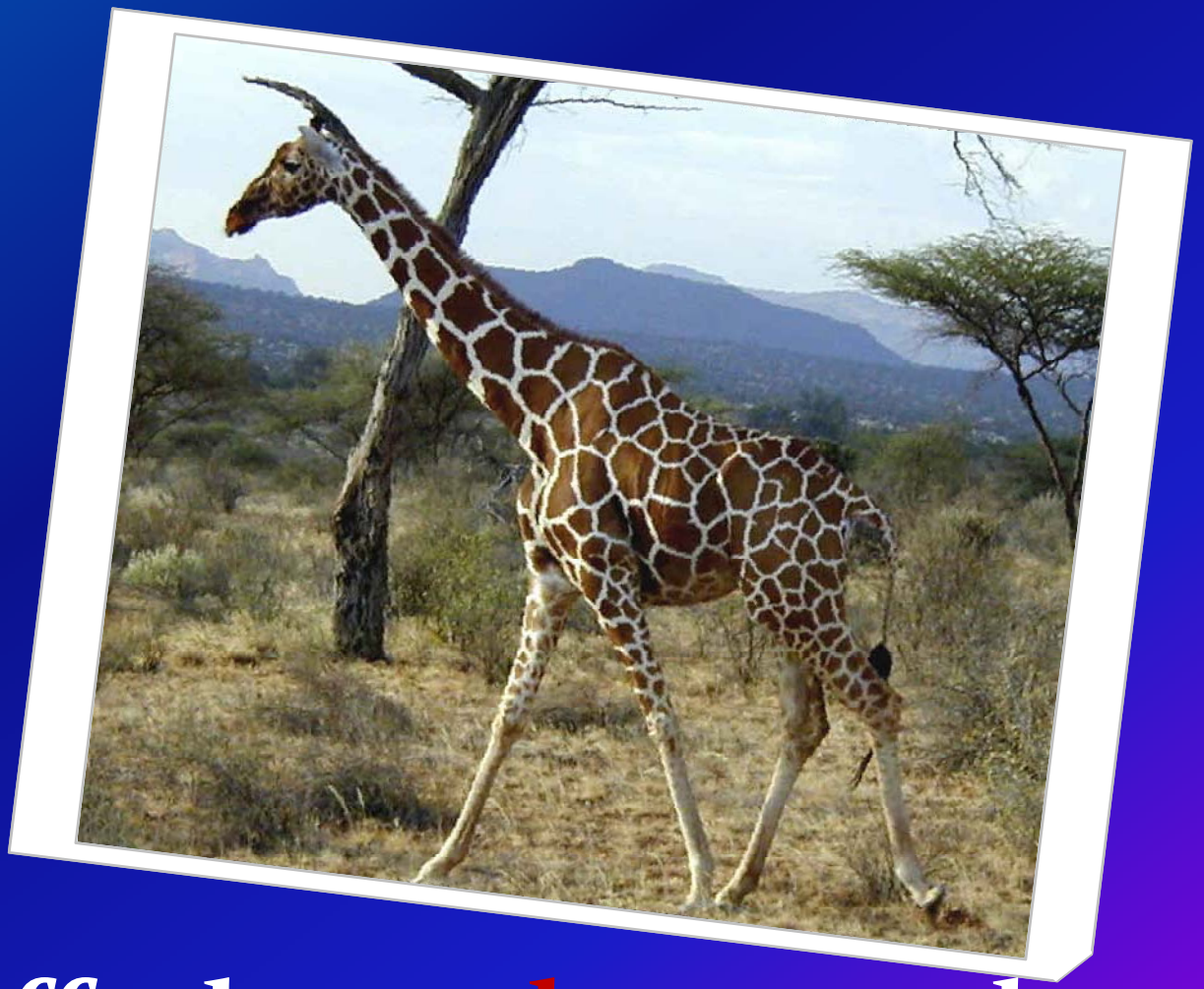
Irregular Adjectives

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
• Good	• Better	• Best
• Bad	• Worse	• Worst
• Little	• Less	• Least
• Old	• Elder	• Eldest
• Many/Much	• More	• Most
• Late	• Later	• Latest

Kinds of degrees of comparison

- Positive Degree
- Comparative Degree
- Superlative Degree

The rabbit is a cute animal.



A Giraffe has a long neck

Elephant is a huge animal

Positive degree of comparison

In these sentences the nouns Rabbit, Giraffe and the Elephant have one quality above average.

These sentences are in **Positive degree**

Note: There is no other person or thing used in these sentences to compare them with.

Positive Degree

Degree of Equality

Degree of Inequality

Degree of equality

Positive degree is used to compare two things which are equal in status / same quality.

Equal

Degree of Equality

Joyce is as pretty as her twin Jean.

Jean is as intelligent as Joyce.

Note: Here the adjective in positive form is used with conjunction as ---as to express **equality.**

Example

1. An apple is *as delicious as* an orange.

2. Silver is *as expensive as* gold.

3. Anna is *as rich as* Tina.

Complete the following sentences

1. **Few historians write as-------- as Macaulay.**
   (well / better / best)

2. **Very few books are as -------as Shakespeare`s dramas.**
   (popular / more popular / most popular)

3. Hercules is as--------as Atlas.
(strong/stronger/strongest)

4. Vani is as---------as Rani.
(Intelligent/more intelligent/ most intelligent)

Degree of inequality

Positive degree is also used to compare two things which are not equal & do not have same status.

TEENA **Unequal** REENA

Degree of inequality

Teena is **not so tall as** her friend Reena.

Teena is **not so beautiful as** Reena.

Note: Here the adjective in positive form is joined with the conjunction **not so-----as to express** inequality.

Example

1, Gold is not so useful as Iron.

2.Hindi is not so difficult as Sanskrit.

3. The city bus is not so crowded as it was yesterday

Example

- Gold is not so ---------- as Iron.
  (useful/ more useful/most useful)

- English is not so ---------- as Malayalam.
  (difficult/ more difficult / most difficult)

- Sheeba was not so ---------as Solomon.
  (wise/ wiser/ wisest)

Comparative degree

Who is faster / slower?

Example

- The lion is faster than the tortoise.
- The tortoise is slower than the lion.

Which is smaller / riper ?

Example

- The green apple is smaller than the red one.

- The red apple is riper than the green one.

- **Which is cheaper / more expensive ?**

Example

The cycle is *cheaper than* the car.

The car is *more expensive than* the cycle.

Comparative degree of comparison

The adjective of comparative is used to show the *wide difference* between two things.

Example

- River Nile in Africa is ***longer than*** river Ganga in India.

- The peaks of Himalayas are ***higher than*** any other mountain peaks in India.

- Cricket is *more popular than* Hockey

- Hotel Taj is *bigger than* Hotel Meridian in Mumbai.

Note:

Here the adjectives of comparative degree are followed by **“than”**, thus this kind of comparison is called Comparative degree.

Fill in the blanks.

1. Gold is ___than silver. (more precious/ most precious)
2. Dog is _____ than man. (more faithful/ most faithful)

Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of adjectives.

Milk is ----------than any other food.

Shimla is ----------than most other hill station in India.

[modern/useful/nutritious/famous]

My brother works in an office building which is ----------than ours.

Iron is ---------- than silver in the world.

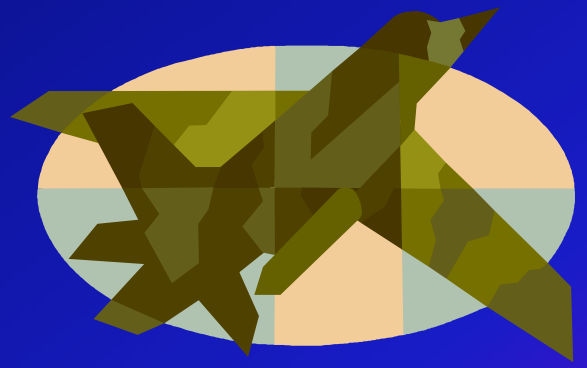
(modern/ useful/ nutritious/ famous)

Superlative degree of comparison

Mt. Everest is *the highest peak* in the world.

Fast

Faster



the Fastest

An Aeroplane is ***the fastest*** mode of transportation.

These flowers are ***beautiful***.

This flower is ***more beautiful*** than the pink ones.

Rose is ***the most beautiful*** flower.

John is a ***strong*** man.

Peter is ***stronger than*** John.

Brown is ***the strongest*** man of all.

Superlative degree of comparison

This Superlative adjective is used to show that a person or a thing has the best or the worst of quality.

NOTE:

Here the adjective in superlative degree is preceded by the, thus such sentences are said to be in Superlative degree .

Example

John is *the tallest* boy in the class.

Mr. Rao is *the most honest* employee in this office.

India is *the most populous* country in the world.

Today is *the warmest* day of this month.

The Humming bird is *the smallest* bird in the world.

1. Mahatma Gandhi was the ____ leader of our times.(more popular/ most popular)
2. Mango juice is the ____ drink. (more delicious/ most delicious)

Change the following sentences into superlative degrees

- **Roopa is more generous than her family members.**
- Roopa is the most generous girl in her family.

- **The planet Jupiter is bigger than the Earth.**
- Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system.

- **This is a very costly Necklace.**
  - This necklace is the costliest one.

- **Fox is a cunning animal.**
  - Fox is the most cunning animal in the world

- **Cheetah is a swift runner.**
  - Cheetah is the swiftest animal in the animal kingdom.

Identify the error

1. This is one of /the most interesting book/ I have / ever read.

2. No girl / in her troupe is / so sprightly as / your daughter.

3. No river/ in the world evokes/ such awe and reverence /as the Ganges.

4. Krishnan is / more intelligent than/ any student / of this class.

5. Raju cannot walk / much than / two miles / at a stretch.

6. India is/ one of the most/ developing country/ in the world.

THANK YOU