

COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS



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

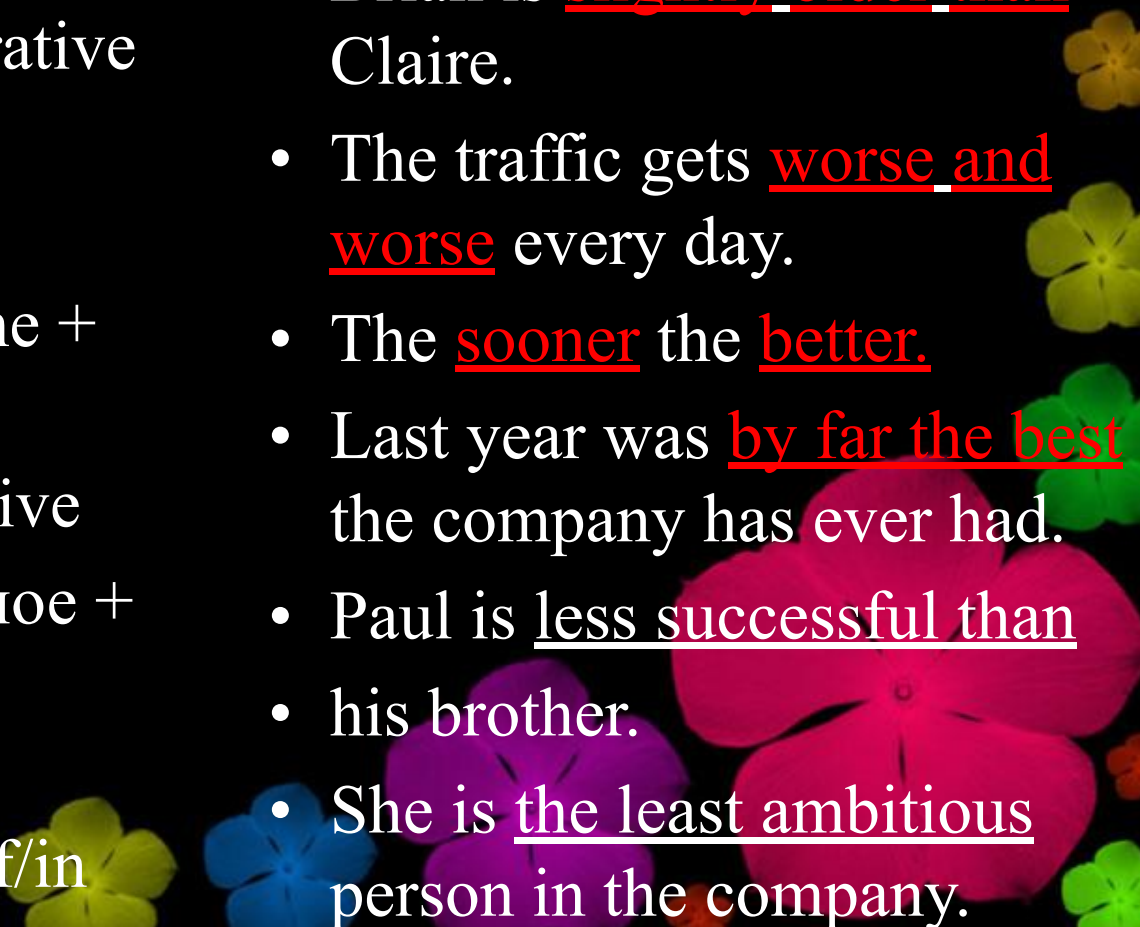
clever-**more**
clever-the **most**
clever;
Cruel-clever**er**-the
clever**est**

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-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

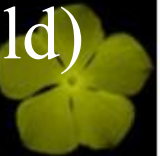
- 1). My father is heavy. My uncle is much **heavier** than my father. 2). The test in Geography was easy, but the test in Biology was **easier**. 3). Sochi is sunny. Do you know the **sunniest** place in Russia? 4). Sten is a successful sportsman. His sister is **more successful** than Sten. 5). My 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 yesterday.
(not/ windy)
- b. This copy is as bad as the other one.
(bad)
- c. Simon is not as tall 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 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
 - **empt**_v, busy, **thrilled**
 - nervous, worried, careful, comfortable, slippery, expensive, sure, cold, famous, certain
 - certain**_n, **unexpected**_t, **irresponsible**_n
 - impossible**_e



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.

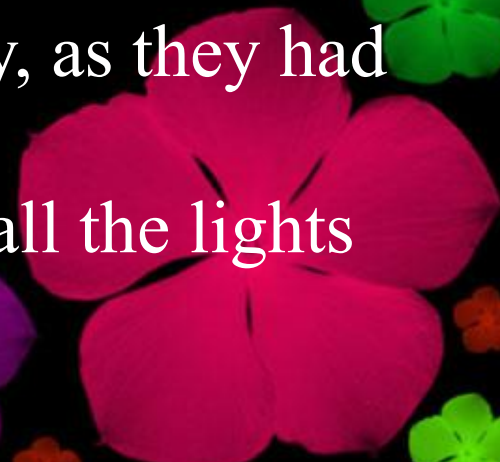
It was rather late, so Jane to stop playing loud music.

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!

