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Adjectives: Degrees of Comparison

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Critical Thinking



Problem Solving
Decision Making

Ratan is taller than Aman who is shorter than Ganesh. Niza is taller than Tara, but shorter than Aman. Ganesh is shorter than Ratan.

Now, answer these questions in short sentences.

1. Who is the tallest?

Ratan

2. Who is the shortest?

Tara

3. Who is shorter: Niza or Ganesh?

Niza

4. Who is taller: Tara or Aman?

Aman



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Degrees of Comparison

In the exercise above, the words **tall** and **short** are **adjectives**. Adjectives tell us more about a noun or a pronoun. However, they change form when two or more nouns or pronouns are compared.

Read the examples given below.

- Ganesh is a **tall** man.

In its simple form, an adjective is in the **positive degree**.

- Aman is **taller** than Tara.

When two nouns or pronouns are compared, the adjective is used in the **comparative degree**. We use **than** with the comparative degree.

- Tara is **shorter** than Niza.

- by placing **more** (or **less**) and **most** (or **least**) before the positive form of adjectives having more than two syllables

positive	comparative	superlative
active	more active	most active
brilliant	more brilliant	most brilliant
suitable	less suitable	least suitable

- unique forms for some adjectives, also known as, irregular adjectives

positive	comparative	superlative
bad	worse	worst
good	better	best
little	less	least
much/many	more	most
old (for family members)	elder	eldest

PRACTISE

A. Choose the correct options.

- Earth is the **green/greener/greenest** planet in the solar system.
- Honesty is the **good/better/best** policy of all.
- These fruits are **fresh/fresher/freshest** than those.
- This must be the **good/better/best** day of my life.
- This lane is **dirty/dirtier/dirtiest** than the other.
- Tia is **fit/fitter/fittest** than her cousin.
- There is **little/less/least** that I can do to help you.
- He is the **old/elder/eldest** son of the family.



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as ... as

- Riya is **as tall as** Jatin.
- Tina is **as sincere as** Farah.

Sometimes, we use as ... as to compare two nouns or pronouns.

Tips & Tricks

We can say 'older than' but never 'elder than'.

PRACTISE

B. Use adjectives of the correct degrees to complete the passage.



Rekha loves running. She is the fastest runner in class. No one is as fast as her. Though Savita was faster than Rekha at one time, now Rekha is the fastest. She is also the better athlete of the two. Her coach feels that soon she will become the best athlete of the school. Her timings are getting better than before. She is soon going to take part in an interschool athletic meet. The coach thinks she will manage to be declared the best athlete there!



C. Frame sentences using these words.



1. hawks/faster/parrots

Hawks are faster than parrots.

2. kofta/more delicious/korma

Kofta is more delicious than korma.

3. Fatima/luckiest/sisters

Fatima is the luckiest of the sisters.

4. mango/tastiest/fruit

Mango is the tastiest fruit.

5. the station/near/Rima's house

The station is near Rima's house.

6. today/sunnier/yesterday

It is sunnier today than yesterday.

7. Nainital/cooler/Ooty

Nainital is cooler than Ooty.



D. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. Messi is famouser than Tendulkar.

Messi is more famous than Tendulkar.

2. This ocean is the most deep.

This ocean is the deepest.

3. Arif is the responsiblest boy in class.

Arif is the most responsible boy in class.

4. Mr Khan is popularer than his brother.

Mr Khan is more popular than his brother.

5. Sahara is a more large desert than Thar.

Sahara is a larger desert than Thar.



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Creative Thinking



Life Skills
and Values



Vocational
Skills

- I. Create your own imaginary stationery brand. You will have 10 minutes to sell your products to your partner. Highlight why she/he should buy your products and not the more popular brands on sale in the market.

