



Understanding superlatives and comparatives

What are superlatives and comparatives?

Comparatives are used to compare two things, while superlatives are used to compare three or more things. To form comparatives, add '-er' to adjectives for short words and use 'more' for longer ones. Superlatives are formed by adding '-est' to adjectives for short words and using 'most' for longer ones.

Explication in French

Les comparatifs sont utilisés pour comparer deux choses, tandis que les superlatifs sont utilisés pour comparer trois choses ou plus. Pour former les comparatifs, ajoutez '-er' aux adjectifs pour les mots courts et utilisez 'more' pour les mots longs. Les superlatifs se forment en ajoutant '-est' aux adjectifs pour les mots courts et en utilisant 'most' pour les mots longs.

Examples

- *Comparative:* The cat is faster than the dog.
- *Superlative:* The cheetah is the fastest land animal.
- *Comparative:* This book is more interesting than the last one.

common mistake

the misuse of "good," "better," and "best." "Good" is the positive form, "better" is the comparative form used for comparing two things, and "best" is the superlative form used when comparing three or more things. For example, saying "This is the goodest book" is incorrect; it should be "This is the best book." This error often occurs due to confusion about when to use each form communication.

Interactive quiz :

Ready to put your knowledge to the test? Take this quiz to see if you've mastered the lesson.

Beginner Level

Quiz: Fill in the blank:

This box is _____ than that one." (big)

- a) big
- b) bigger

Correct Answer: b) bigger

She is the _____ girl in our class." (young)

- a) youngest
- b) younger

Correct Answer: a) youngest

His car is _____ than my bike." (fast)

- a) faster
- b) fastest

Correct Answer: a) faster

Intermediate Level:

Quiz: Select the correct form:

"This novel is _____ interesting than the movie." (more)

a) more

b) most

Correct Answer: a) more

Out of all the seasons, winter is the _____." (cold)

a) colder

b) coldest

Correct Answer: b) coldest

This recipe is _____ than the one we tried last week (easy)

a) easier

b) easiest

Correct Answer: a) easier

Advanced level

Quiz

1. Identify the correct superlative: "He is considered the _____ thinker in the contemporary philosophy circle." (profound)

a) most profound

b) profoundest

Correct Answer: a) most profound (both could technically be correct, but "most profound" is more commonly accepted)

2. Fill in the blank: "This artwork is _____ than the one in the main hall." (impressive)

a) more impressive

b) most impressive

Correct Answer: a) more impressive

3. Correct the mistake: "She is the most cleverest person I know."

Suggested correction: "She is the cleverest person I know."

Explanation: Remove the double superlative error.

the answers

Beginner Level:

1. b) bigger
2. a) youngest
3. a) faster

Intermediate Level:

1. a) more
2. b) coldest
3. a) easier

Advanced Level:

1. a) most profound
2. a) more impressive
3. Suggested correction: "She is the cleverest person I know."