

Adjectives - Degrees of comparison

An **adjective** is a word that qualifies a noun. When one thing or person is compared or contrasted with another or others in respect of a certain attribute, we use a comparison that can express equality, superiority or inferiority. It can also express supremacy of one person or thing.

There are 3 degrees of comparison: **positive**, **comparative** and **superlative**.

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Short adjectives	cold pretty hot	colder than prettier than hotter than	the coldest the prettiest the hottest
Long adjectives	interesting	more interesting than	the most interesting

As you can see the way we form the comparative and the superlative depends on the size of the adjective. However, there are some adjectives that don't follow this rule. They are **exceptions**.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better (than)	the best
bad	worse (than)	the worst
little	less (than)	the least
much	more (than)	the most
many		
far	farther (than) further (than)	the farthest the furthest
late	later (than) latter	the latest the last
old	older (than) elder (than)	the oldest the eldest



Comparative	Inferiority	This film is less interesting than that one. Today is less cold than yesterday.
	Equality	This film is as interesting as the one I watched yesterday.
	Superiority	That film is more interesting than that one. Yesterday was colder than today.

Superlative	Inferiority	This film is the least interesting one I have ever seen. Today is the least cold day of this week.
	Superiority	That film is the most interesting one I have ever seen. Yesterday was the coldest day of this week.