

Degrees of
comparison of
adjectives and
adverbs .

Comparison degrees

- the comparative degree
(сравнительная)
- the superlative degree
(превосходная)

Способы образования степеней сравнения в английском языке зависят от **количества слогов** в именах прилагательных.

Прилагательные делятся на две группы:

Одно и двусложные (слово состоит из одного или двух слогов) tall, small, hot, happy, clever **Многосложные** (слово состоит из трёх и более слогов) wonderful, beautiful, interesting

К одно и двусложным
прилагательным добавляется:

	the comparative degree - er	the superlative degree the -est
small	smaller	the smallest

Конечная гласная e опускается перед суффиксами -er, -est:

large - larg**er** – the larg**est**

white - whiter – the whit**est**

nice – nicer – the nic**est**

wide – wider – the wid**est**

late – later – the lat**est**

Если односложное
прилагательное оканчивается
на краткую гласную+
согласную, то согласная буква
удваивается:

- big – bigger – the biggest
- hot – hotter – the hottest

Если слово оканчивается на букву
– **y**, а перед ней стоит **согласная**
буква, то буква – **y** меняется на **–i**:

- **busy** - **busier** - the **busiest**
- **happy** – **happier** – the **happiest**

К **многосложным** прилагательным добавляется:

	the comparative degree more	the superlative degree the most
sociable	more sociable	the most sociable

Exceptions!!!!

good – better – the best

little – less – the least

many – more – the most

much – more – the most

bad – worse – the worst

old – older – the oldest (по возрасту)

old – elder – the eldest (по старшинству в семье)

far – farther – the farthest (далекий - дальше- самый далекий, о расстоянии)

far – further – the furthest (далекий - далее – дальнейший, о времени)

late – later (позже) – the latest (самый последний)

near – nearer – the nearest (ближайший, о расстоянии)

near – nearer – the next (следующий – по порядку)

Типы сравнительных оборотов

- as+ adjective+ as

The blue skirt is as expensive as the red one.

- less +adjective + than

Paul is less successful than his brother.

- the least + adjective +of/in

She is the least ambitious person in the company.

- much/a lot/ far/ a little bit/ slightly + comparative

Ben is slightly older than Clare.

- the + comparative, the + comparative

The longer the day went, the more tired she become.

- by far + superlative (показывает разницу между схожими объектами)

Last year was by far the best the company ever had.

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 as yesterday.
(not/ windy)
- b. This copy is as bad as the other one.
(bad)
- c. Simon is not as tall as 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 as Peter. (optimistic)