

## Comparatives and Superlatives

### Comparatives

Used to compare two or more things. If there is only one object it is to compare against the normal.

#### **EXAMPLES**

- 1. Mice are smaller than cats.
  - 2. Museums are more interesting than libraries.
- 3. I like bigger dogs.
- 4. Driving is more dangerous than flying.

#### Superlatives

Used to show that the object is the the most of something.

#### **EXAMPLES**

- 1. Whales are the biggest animals. 2. Shakespeare is the most interesting writer.
- 3. She's the fastest runner.
- 4. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

-er

-est

Use -er and -est when the adjective is two syllables or less.

Big Bigger Hap • py

**Happiest** 

More

Most

Use more and most when the adjective is three or more syllables.

De · li · cate

Most delicate

Use more and most when the adjective ends in -ed, -ous, -ing, -en, -al or -ful.

**Playful** 

More playful

#### **EXAMPLES**

- 1. Bill Gates is the **richest** man in the world.
- 2. Bananas are **more delicious** than apples.
- 3. The Eiffel Tower is **taller** than the Pyramids.
- 4. Dogs are more playful than cats.
- 5. She likes bigger men.
- 6. Tokyo is the **most exciting** place in the world.





# Preparation

 $\diamondsuit$  Write in the COMPARATIVE and SUPERLATIVE form of each adjective.

### Test Your Knowledge

NORMAL	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE	NORMAL	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
big	<u>bigger</u>	biggest	hot		
small			cold		
fast			warm		
large			cool		
tiny			rainy		
vicious			sunny		
beautiful			happy		
wicked			sad		
magical			exciting		
wonderful			surprising		
fat			interesting		
silent			expensive		
squeaky			cheap		
wide			dry		
short			wet		
tall			scary		
straight			stupid		
greasy			charming		
rotten			good		
sweet			bad		





# Conversation

 $\diamondsuit$  Use the COMPARATIVES and SUPERLATIVES to tell someone what you think.

• 5	Some Examples			
• 7	What is bigger than a dog?	A horse is bigger than a dog.		
• 7	Who is richer than your English teacher?	Bill Gates is richer than my teacher.		
• 7	What is the best place in Japan?	Tokyo is best place in Japan.		
	Write Your Own Comparative Q	uestions (and answers)		
Ex.	Which is bigger; Russia or Canada?	(Russia)		
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
	Write Your Own Superlative Qu	uestions (and answers)		
Ex.	What is the deepest place in the ocean?	(the Mariana Trench)		
1.				
2.				
3.				



### LESSON 4: Comparatives and Superlatives



# Conversation

\$ с	hoose a topic and write 3 questions about it.	
	Example: FAMILY	
	Who is taller; your father or mother?	
	My father is taller than my mother.  2. Who is the shortest person in your family?	•
	I am the shortest person in my family.  Write your own question.	
	Where did you go school?	
	Topic 1: ANIMALS	
	1. What is the cutest animal?	
	2. What is the best pet?	•
	Write your own question.	•
	Topic 2: COUNTRIES	•
	1. What is the most expensive country to live in?	
	2. Which country is more fun; America or Japan?	•
	Write your own question.	•
	Topic 3: VEHICLES	•
	1. What is the fastest vehicle?	
	2. What country makes the best cars?	•
	Write your own question.	•

