

Comparison of Adjectives

Language Focus

- When comparing two people, animals or things,
(**...er + than**)
- When comparing three or more people, animals or things,
(**the + ...est**)
- Some irregular adjectives

good	better	best
bad	worse	worst
many / much	more	most
- For adjectives with three or more syllables, add **more... than or the most...**

careful	more careful	most careful
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
- Use **as...as** to talk about two similar things.
e.g. A squid in Canada has the biggest eyes. They are even as big as footballs.
- Use **...er and ...er** to talk about changes.
e.g. More and more people go to South Africa to visit the ostriches.

A. Fill in the blanks with comparative or superlative form of the suitable adjectives.

cheap	comfortable	forgetful	high	large
lucky	new	old	small	tall

- Macau is _____ Hong Kong. Both of them are cities in Asia and they are close to each other.
- My brother is _____ in our family. He is 185cm tall.
- Mr. Lo bought his car in 1998 and Mrs. Mo bought hers in 2003. Mrs. Mo's car is _____ Mr. Lo's.
- Mt. Everest is _____ mountain in the world.
- Sandy is _____ in our class. She won the first prize in the lucky draw at the Christmas party.

6. The T-shirt is _____ the blouse. It costs only \$50.
7. Asia is _____ continent in the world.
8. Kathy studies in a secondary school and I am a Primary 5 student. Kathy is _____ than me.
9. The sofa is _____ the wooden chair.
10. Mr. So is _____ teacher in our school. He often forgets his students' names.

B. Proofread the sentences. If there is a mistake, underline it and make correction. Add “^” in the sentences with missing words. Put a “✓” on the lines given when there are no mistakes.

The smallest bird

The biggest hummingbird is the Giant Hummingbird of South America. It weighs 20 grams. The smaller hummingbird is the Bee Hummingbird, which is as tinier as a bee.

e.g. biggest

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The tallest animal

The giraffe is tallest animal. It is up to 19 feet tall and weighs up to 2,800 pounds. A baby giraffe weighs about 130 pounds at birth and is about 6 feet short. It is getting more and more tall when it grows up. The front legs are slightly longer the rear legs. Females' horns are thinner than the males'.

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

The most ferocious animal

The Great White Shark is one of the ferociousest animals in the sea. It is usually 12-16 feet tall. Females are larger than males, as with most sharks. Few and few Great White Sharks live in the sea nowadays.

10. _____

11. _____

12. _____

13. _____

C. Fill in the blanks with as...as or ...and...

e.g. Mr. Lam is our new manager. He is getting busier and busier.

Mr. Lam is as busy as a bee.

- The kitten is called Snowy as its hair is _____ (white) snow.
- You are getting _____ (fat). You'd better eat less and do more exercise.
- Mr. To is becoming _____ (poor) as he has been jobless for a year.
- It is getting _____ (warm) because of Greenhouse Effect. The sea level is rising.
- _____ (Many) flowers bloom in the garden as my sister takes good care of them.
- The quiz is _____ (easy) ABC. Everyone can get 100 marks.
- The children are chatting noisily. Mr. Yu is becoming _____ (angry).
- Your hands are _____ (cold) ice. Why don't you put on your jacket?

D. Read the information given and write sentences to make comparison.

expensive	good	heavy	hot	large
long	old	tall	thick	

e.g. Thickness – the dictionary : 655 pages / the storybook : 120 pages

The dictionary is thicker than the storybook.

- Weight – the blue whale : 130 tons / African elephant : 7 tons

- Height – the giraffe : 6m / the ostrich : 2.7m

- Length – Chang Jiang : 6300km / Amazon River : 6400 km / Nile River : 6670km

- Area – China : 9,596,960 km² / the U.S.A. : 9,631,418 km² / Japan : 377,835 km²

- Price – the television : \$3500 / the rice cooker : \$800

- Age – Dr. Wong : 45 years old / Dr. Lee 45 years old

- Grace's result – Quiz 1 : 70 / Quiz 2 : 85 / Quiz 3 : 100

- Temperature – two days ago : 28°C / today : 31°C / tomorrow : 33°C

