Degrees of comparison (Adjectives)
There was an **old** man named Rama in Mysore. He was a **poor** farmer. He had three **lazy** sons. But all of them were **strong** and **healthy** young men.
This **worried** and **saddened** the old man.
The **worried old** man got an idea.

He called his sons and said, “I have hidden a treasure in our farm land.”
Go, find and share the treasure among you”.

The overjoyed sons started to turn each nook and corner of the field but didn’t find anything. They were disappointed.
Their father said to them, “You have ploughed the field, why not sow a crop.” The sons agreed. Soon the crops grew **lushly green**. The father said to the sons, “This is the treasure I wanted you to share.”
The **delighted** sons thanked their **loving** father.

We see that **fruits of hard work are always sweet.**
Old
Poor
Worried
Saddened
Loving

Farmer/man
Lazy
Strong
Healthy
Delighted

Sons
These words **old, poor, worried, Saddened, Strong, healthy, delighted lazy, loving, lushly, green** - Adjectives

They tell us something about the **Noun man or farmer, son and crop.**
• The form of an adjective is often changed to show the extent or degree of quality present in a person or thing.

This change in form to show the difference in level is called Comparison.
Example

Old
Strong
Healthy
Loving

older  oldest
stronger strongest
healthier healthiest
more loving most loving
Forms of Adjectives

1. Positive
2. Comparative - er
3. Superlative - est
Fast - faster - the fastest

fast faster the fastest
Large - larger - the largest
higher

the

highest

high

The image contains a diagram with candles and the words "higher" and "highest" pointing to different candles, illustrating the concept of degree adjectives.
QUICK

QUICKER

the QUICKEST
Fat – fatter – the fattest

fat – fatterer – the fattest
Big - bigger - the biggest
FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH PROPER ADJECTIVES

1. My grandmother has a _____house.
2. The girl wore a _____dress.
3. I wrote a _____ letter.
4. My mother is a _____woman.
5. An elephant is a _____animal.
   [ Huge, beautiful, Big, Long, Pretty ]
Happy – Happier – The Happiest
Ugly – uglier – the ugliest
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beautiful

more beautiful

the most beautiful
Expensive – more expensive – the most expensive

expensive

more expensive

the most expensive
DANGEROUS  MORE DANGEROUS  THE MOST DANGEROUS
Terrible - more terrible - the most terrible

terrible  more terrible  the most terrible
Little – less the least
little less the least
Bad – worse – the worst

bad
worse
the worst
Irregular Adjectives

Positive
- Good
- Bad
- Little
- Old
- Many/Much
- Late

Comparative
- Better
- Worse
- Less
- Elder
- More
- Later

Superlative
- Best
- Worst
- Least
- Eldest
- Most
- Latest
Kinds of degrees of comparison

- Positive Degree
- Comparative Degree
- Superlative Degree
The rabbit is a cute animal.
A Giraffe has a long neck
Elephant is a huge animal
Positive degree of comparison

In these sentences the nouns Rabbit, Giraffe and the Elephant have one quality above average.
These sentences are in **Positive degree**

**Note:** There is no other person or thing used in these sentences to compare them with.
Positive Degree

Degree of Equality

Degree of Inequality
Degree of equality

Positive degree is used to compare two things which are equal in status / same quality.
Equal
Joyce is as pretty as her twin Jean.

Jean is as intelligent as Joyce.
**Note:** Here the adjective in positive form is used with conjunction as ***---*** as to express **equality.**
Example

1. An apple is **as delicious as** an orange.

2. Silver is **as expensive as** gold.

3. Anna is **as rich as** Tina.
Complete the following sentences

1. Few historians write as--------- as Macaulay. (well / better / best )

2. Very few books are as -------as Shakespeare`s dramas. ( popular / more popular / most popular)
3. Hercules is as-------as Atlas.
   (strong/stronger/strongest)

4. Vani is as--------as Rani.
   (Intelligent/more intelligent/ most intelligent)
Degree of inequality

Positive degree is also used to compare two things which are not equal & do not have same status.
Degree of inequality

Teena is not so tall as her friend Reena.
Teena is not so beautiful as Reena.
Note: Here the adjective in positive form is joined with the conjunction *not so----as to* express *inequality.*
Example

1. Gold is not so useful as Iron.

2. Hindi is not so difficult as Sanskrit.

3. The city bus is not so crowded as it was yesterday.
Example

- Gold is not so _______ as Iron.
  (useful/ more useful/most useful)

- English is not so _______ as Malayalam.
  (difficult/ more difficult / most difficult)

- Sheeba was not so _______ as Solomon.
  (wise/ wiser/ wisest)
Comparative degree
Who is faster / slower?
Example

• The lion is faster than the tortoise.

• The tortoise is slower than the lion.
Which is smaller / riper?
Example

- The green apple is *smaller than* the red one.

- The red apple is *riper than* the green one.
Which is cheaper / more expensive?
The cycle is cheaper than the car.

The car is more expensive than the cycle.
Comparative degree of comparison

The adjective of comparative is used to show the wide difference between two things.
Example

- River Nile in Africa is *longer* than river Ganga in India.

- The peaks of Himalayas are *higher than* any other mountain peaks in India.
- Cricket is *more popular than* Hockey

- Hotel Taj is *bigger than* Hotel Meridian in Mumbai.
Note:

Here the adjectives of comparative degree are followed by “than”, thus this kind of comparison is called Comparative degree.
Fill in the blanks.

1. Gold is ___ than silver. (more precious/ most precious)
2. Dog is ____ than man. (more faithful/ most faithful)
Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct form of adjectives.

Milk is _________-than any other food.

Shimla is _________-than most other hill station in India.

[modern/useful/nutritious/famous]
My brother works in an office building which is \_______\ than ours.

Iron is \_______\ than silver in the world.

( modern/ useful/ nutritious/ famous )
Superlative degree of comparison
Mt. Everest is **the highest peak** in the world.
An Aeroplane is the fastest mode of transportation.
These flowers are **beautiful**.

This flower is **more beautiful** than the pink ones.

Rose is **the most beautiful** flower.
John is a strong man.

Peter is stronger than John.

Brown is the strongest man of all.
Superlative degree of comparison

This Superlative adjective is used to show that a person or a thing has the best or the worst of quality.
NOTE:

Here the adjective in superlative degree is preceded by the, thus such sentences are said to be in **Superlative degree**.
Example

John is the tallest boy in the class.

Mr. Rao is the most honest employee in this office.
India is *the most populous* country in the world.

Today is *the warmest* day of this month.

The Humming bird is *the smallest* bird in the world.
1. Mahatma Gandhi was the ____ leader of our times. (more popular/ most popular)
2. Mango juice is the ____ drink. (more delicious/ most delicious)
Change the following sentences into **superlative degrees**

- Roopa is **more generous** than her family members.
  - Roopa is **the most generous** girl in her family.

- The planet Jupiter is **bigger** than the Earth.
  - Jupiter is **the biggest** planet in the solar system.
• This is a very costly Necklace.
  ➢ This necklace is the costliest one.

• Fox is a cunning animal.
  ➢ Fox is the most cunning animal in the world

• Cheetah is a swift runner.
  ➢ Cheetah is the swiftest animal in the animal kingdom.
Identify the error

1. This is one of /the most interesting book/ I have / ever read.

2. No girl / in her troupe is / so sprightly as / your daughter.
3. No river in the world evokes such awe and reverence as the Ganges.

4. Krishnan is more intelligent than any student of this class.
5. Raju cannot walk / much than / two miles / at a stretch.

6. India is/ one of the most/ developing country/ in the world.
THANK YOU