

Adjectives in Comparisons – Answer key




1. Make comparisons with the given symbols and adjectives.

Now you:




How old are they?

	Verb	Adjective	people and their age		
	to be	young	Mr. Goodwill - 30	Mrs. Merrygold - 28	the pub's owner ¹ - 30
1. ≠	Mr. Goodwill is not as young as Mrs. Merrygold.				
2. =	Mr. Goodwill is as young as the pub's owner.				











How to go on holiday

	Verb	Adjective	transport		
	to cost	much			
1. ≠	A holiday by car does not cost as much as a holiday by boat.				
2. =	A holiday by boat costs as much as a holiday by plane.				

For a class test at school

	Verb	Adjective	items		
	to be	helpful			
1. ≠	Scissors are not as helpful as a pencil.				
2. =	A pencil is as helpful as glasses.				

2. Make comparisons with items in Mr. Goodwill's life.

Item 1	Item 2	Verb	Adjective	Comparison
		to be	small	A cat is (not) as small as a bird.
		to be	comforting ²	A bed is (not) as comforting as a dog.
		to feel	wet	A snowflake does not feel as wet as a rain drop.
		to arrive	fast	A bike does not arrive as fast as a train.
		to be	funny	A postcard is (not) as funny as a present.

¹ an owner: der Besitzer, die Besitzerin

² comforting: trostbringend, beruhigend


















Comparison of Adjectives – Answer key

1. Fill in the missing forms.

	The positive	The comparative	The superlative
1	big	bigger than	(the) biggest
2	pretty	prettier than	(the) prettiest
3	nice	nicer than	(the) nicest
4	beautiful	more beautiful than	(the) most beautiful
5	expensive	more expensive than	(the) most expensive
6	good	better than	(the) best
7	tall	taller than	(the) tallest
8	bad	worse than	(the) worst
9	much	more than	(the) most
10	early	earlier than	(the) earliest
11	funny	funnier than	(the) funniest
12	difficult	more difficult than	(the) most difficult

2. Make comparisons with the given information.

Now you:

Item 1	Item 2	Verb	Adjective	Comparative
 Maggie, 2	 Winston, 3	to be	young	Maggie is younger than Winston.
 Winston	 Maggie	to eat	much	Winston eats more than Maggie.
Mr. Goodwill, 30	 Winston, 3	to be	old	Mr. Goodwill is older than Winston.
 Winston	Mr. Goodwill	to feel	old	But sometimes Winston feels older than Mr. Goodwill.
Maggie's toys 	Mr. Goodwill's 	to be	interesting	For Winston Maggie's toys are more interesting than Mr. Goodwill's books.
 Mr. Goodwill 	 Mr. Goodwill 	to like	good	Mr. Goodwill likes his bike better than his car.
Mr. Goodwill's 	Mr. Goodwill's 	to be	expensive	But Mr. Goodwill's car is more expensive than his bike.
summer 	winter 	to be	hot	Winston likes the fact that summer is hotter than winter.
 Mr. Goodwill	 Mr. Goodwill	to be	fantastic	Mr. Goodwill thinks houses are more fantastic than skyscrapers.

3. Fill in SUPERLATIVES with the given information. Use the adjectives in brackets.

Now you:

- ▶ Whereas London is **the largest** city in Great Britain with about 9 million people, St David's in Wales is **the smallest** with only 1,600 people who live there. (large; small)
- ▶ If you are interested in sport, Great Britain has a lot to offer. The country has created some of the **most popular** international sports such as football, rugby, tennis, cricket and golf. Moreover, British sports can easily show some records. Polo, for example is **the fastest** ball sport in the world and in lacrosse **the best** balls can move with 190 kilometres per hour. And what are the three **most fashionable** sports in Britain? Right! Place one is football, place two rugby and place three cricket. And for those who prefer to sit and watch sports, there are always **the most expensive** cars to watch in races... (popular; fast; good; fashionable³; expensive)
- ▶ Now to music...Great Britain's second **most favourite** band is Queen with Freddy Mercury – one of the singers who were **most energetic**. (favourite; energetic)
- ▶ What about some ideas about animals? Great Britain is proud of its zoos. Bristol Zoo, for example, is **the oldest** zoo in the world, as it opened as early as in 1835 – so it is more than 180 years old! Chester Zoo is one of **the newest** zoos in Great Britain. But still – **most recent** counts show that the zoo has more than 35,000 animals from more than 500 of **the rarest** species⁴ in the world. This is **the highest** number since the zoo's opening in 1931. (old; new; recent⁵; rare; high)
- ▶ The **most fascinating** topic in Great Britain, however, is the weather: the average⁶ British person talks at least ten minutes a day about it! Rumour has it⁷ that **most** Britons even talk an hour a day about the weather. (fascinating; many)

Well, that was most interesting and well done, Mr. Goodwill – congratulations!

3 fashionable: angesagt

4 species: (Tier-) Arten

5 recent: neueste/r/s

6 the average British person: der/ die durchschnittliche Brite/ Britin

7 rumour has it: es wird gemunkelt/ Gerüchten zufolge

4. Fill in the COMPARATIVES and SUPERLATIVES about Winston. Use the adjectives in brackets.

Now you:

- Of course, Winston is a special dog. But did you know that Winston is also **funnier than** most dogs because he is **more active than** other dogs? Wherever he is, he makes people laugh and feel good. Wait till you get to know him more! (Comp: **funny**; Comp: **active**)
- In general⁸, Winston is in a good mood. But when he is with Mr. Goodwill, he is even **happier**. And just wait until you see him outside – then he is **the happiest** dog on earth! (Comp: **happy**; Super: **happy**)
- Mr. Goodwill is Winston's **best** friend. For him, he is a **better** friend than any other person. (Super: **good**; Comp: **good**)
- Winston likes his dog food very much, but he enjoys dog biscuits even **more**. And what does he like **most**? The basket full of sausages for his birthday of course! (Comp: **much**; Super: **much**)
- For most dogs a cat is **more exciting than** a mouse. But for Winston a mouse is as exciting as a cat – he likes all animals he can chase. (Comp: **exciting**)
- Mr. Goodwill has a lot of free-time activities. He thinks that everything outside is **more wonderful than** anything inside. And everything he does with Winston is **the most wonderful** time ever! (Comp: **wonderful**; Super: **wonderful**)

⁸ In general: im Allgemeinen