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Subject: English Language
 Spelling Worksheet #4

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Class: Grade 5CP (_____)

Objective: to spell comparative and superlative adjectives correctly

Comparatives and Superlatives

We use **Comparatives** and **Superlatives** to compare two or more nouns.

The formation of the comparative and superlative depends on the number of syllables in the adjective:

One-syllable Adjectives

To form the comparative, we add **-er** to the end of the adjective.

To form the superlative, we add **-est** to the end of the adjective.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller	the smallest
cold	colder	the coldest
light	lighter	the lightest
wide *	wider	the widest
hot **	hotter	the hottest

* When an adjective ends in the letter E, we just add the -R (for comparatives) or -ST (for superlatives). We do not write two Es together. **Wider** (correct) not wideer (incorrect).

** When an adjective ends in a consonant + short vowel + consonant (C + V + C), we normally double the last letter. big - **bigger** - **biggest**, wet - **wetter** - **wettest**

- London is **bigger than** Santiago.
- Mike is **taller than** John but James is **the tallest**.
- Yesterday was **the hottest** day of the year.
- It is **the oldest** building in the village.
- I want a **faster** car.



Notice how comparatives are often followed by **than** when comparing two things or people.

Two-syllable Adjectives ending in -Y

To form the comparative, we remove the -y and add **-ier** to the end of the adjective.

To form the superlative, we remove the -y and add **-iest** to the end of the adjective.



Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
crazy	crazier	the craziest
happy	happier	the happiest
early	earlier	the earliest

- It was **the happiest** day of my life.
- My joke was **funnier** than your one.
- This section is **easier** than the rest.

Adjectives with Two or more Syllables

For Adjectives with 2 syllables (that don't end in -y) and higher (3, 4 syllables etc), we use **more** for comparatives and **the most** for superlatives.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
handsome	more handsome	the most handsome
nervous	more nervous	the most nervous
enthusiastic	more enthusiastic	the most enthusiastic

- My girlfriend is **more beautiful** than yours.
- Alex is **more intelligent** than you but I am **the most intelligent**.
- It was **the most wonderful** day I have ever had.

Some exceptions with two-syllable adjectives ending in -er and -est:
 narrow - narrower, simple - simpler, quiet - quieter

Irregular Forms

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
far ***	further / farther	the furthest / farthest
little	less	the least
many/much	more	the most
old ****	older/elder	the oldest / eldest

- I am a **better** tennis player than you but Marcelo is **the best**.
- Steve is a **worse** liar than me but Adrian is **the worst**.



*** Farther - Further

Further / farther, furthest / farthest are all used for distance.

Only Further / furthest are used to mean 'additional' or 'more advanced'.

- Puerto Montt is **further / farther** than Valdivia is from here (in Santiago).
- If you require **further** information, please contact reception.

Remember that the opposites of 'more' and 'most' are 'less' and 'least', respectively.

**** Older - Eldest

We use **elder / eldest** when we are talking about family relationships and normally only before a noun (not by itself unless it is a pronoun).

- He is my **elder** brother. (We **cannot** say: My brother is elder than me. - incorrect)
- The **eldest** sister would pass on her dresses to the younger one.

Comparative and Superlative of ILL

When comparing how **ill** people are, you will normally hear **worse** or **the worst** and not "**illier** or **illest**". Some people may prefer to replace **ill** with **sick** (sicker, sickest) when comparing.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

COMPARATIVES - SUPERLATIVES



The dog is **faster** than the elephant.
 The horse is **the fastest**.
 The horse is **bigger** than the dog.
 The elephant is **the heaviest**.
 The dog is **more energetic** than the elephant.





	ADJECTIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
ONE syllable	fast young	-ER faster younger	-EST the fastest the youngest
ONE syllable Ending in -E	nice strange	-R nicer stranger	-ST the nicest the strangest
ONE syllable Consonant + Short Vowel + Consonant	big hot	Double the last consonant and add -ER bigger hotter	Double the last consonant and add -EST the biggest the hottest
TWO syllables Ending in -Y	happy crazy	Remove the -Y and add -IER happier crazier	Remove the -Y and add -IEST the happiest the craziest
TWO or MORE syllables	famous beautiful	MORE + more famous more beautiful	THE MOST + the most famous the most beautiful
Common Exceptions	good bad	better worse	the best the worst



Write the comparative and superlative forms of the adjectives below.

adjective	comparative	superlative
tall	taller	the tallest
far	farther/ further	the furthest/ the farthest
cheap	cheaper	the cheapest
bad	worse	the worst
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
fat	fatter	the fattest
good	better	the best
interesting	more interesting	the most interesting
lazy	lazier	the laziest
narrow	narrower	the narrowest
pretty	prettier	the prettiest
safe	safer	the safest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
dangerous	more dangerous	the most dangerous

difficult	more difficult	the most difficult
messy	messier	the messiest
boring	more boring	the most boring
handsome	more handsome	the most handsome
attractive	more attractive	the most attractive
happy	happier	the happiest
delicious	more delicious	the most delicious
short	shorter	the shortest
useful	more useful	the most useful
famous	more famous	the most famous
easy	easier	the easiest
comfortable	more comfortable	the most comfortable
lucky	luckier	the luckiest
ugly	uglier	the ugliest
quiet	quieter	the quietest
warm	warmer	the warmest
noisy	noisier	the noisiest
long	longer	the longest
modern	more modern	the most modern



B. Complete the following sentences with the correct form (comparative or superlative) of the adjective provided.

1.- My sister is _____ **more intelligent than** _____ my brother. (intelligent)

2.- The blue whale is _____ **the biggest** _____ animal. (big)

3.- Iceland is _____ **colder than** _____ Spain (cold)

4.- This is _____ **the best** _____ book I've ever read. (good)

5.- My neighbour is _____ **the luckiest** _____ person I know (lucky)

6.- Friday is the _____ **busiest** _____ day of the week. (busy)

7.- These trainers are much _____ **cheaper than** _____ those. (cheap)

8.- Frank works _____ **harder than** _____ most people. (hard)

9.- I'm _____ **better** _____ at English than you. (good)

10.- Today has been _____ **the hottest** _____ day of the year. (hot)

11.- This is _____ **the worst** _____ CD I've ever listened. (bad)

12.- English is _____ **easier than** _____ Japanese. (easy)

13.- Which mountain is _____ **the highest** _____ in the world. (high)

14.- John is _____ **more clever/ cleverer than** _____ his brother. (clever)

Both are correct but more clever is more appropriate

15.- English is _____ **more useful than** _____ Latin. (useful)

16.- What is _____ **the most common** _____ word in English? (common)

17.- The Nile is _____ **the longest** _____ river in the world. (long)

18.- This is my _____ **elder** _____ brother. Mary is their _____ **eldest** _____ daughter
(old, old)

19.- That skyscraper is one of _____ **the tallest** _____ buildings in the city. (tall)

20.- The first exercise was easy but this one is _____ **more difficult** _____. (difficult)