

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives

Adjectives can be used to compare people, places, things, or groups.

A **comparative** adjective compares two items. Add **-er** to most adjectives to make them comparative: **taller**. Use **more** with long adjectives such as **incredible** to make them comparative: **more incredible**.

A **superlative** adjective compares three or more items. Add **-est** to the end of most adjectives to make them superlative: **greatest**. Use **most** with long adjectives such as **fantastic** to make them superlative: **most fantastic**.

- For most adjectives that end with a consonant and **y**, change the **y** to **i** before adding **-er** or **-est**: **silly, sillier, silliest**.
- For most adjectives that end in a single consonant after a single vowel, double the final consonant before adding **-er** or **-est**: **hot, hotter, hottest**.
- If an adjective ends with **e**, drop the final **e** before adding **-er** or **-est**: **tame, tamer, tamest**.
- Adjectives such as **good** and **bad** have **irregular** comparative and superlative forms: **good, better, best; bad, worse, worst**.

A Write the comparative and superlative form of each adjective.

1.–8. neat, fine, high, ugly, shiny, tan, beautiful, exciting

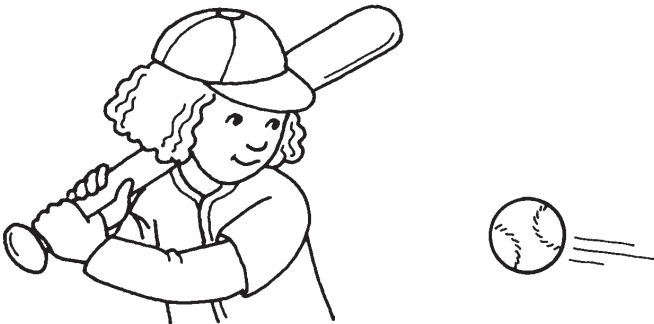
UNIT 4 GRAMMAR

B Choose the correct form of the adjective in () to complete each sentence.
Write the sentences.

1. Jay uses a (heavy) bat than Aaron does.
2. Is Jay the (strong) player on the team?
3. Of all the players, Vera is the (fast) runner.
4. She is even a (good) fielder than Jay.
5. In fact, she is the (talented) fielder on the team.
6. Is baseball a (enjoyable) sport than golf?
7. I consider golf the (dull) sport in the world!
8. Dad thinks that golf is the (exciting) sport of all.
9. He says the (hard) thing to do is to hit a golf ball.

C Change the underlined adjective to the kind of adjective in ().
Write the new sentence.

10. My tennis racket is light than yours. (comparative)
11. Our fine skater sprained his ankle. (superlative)
12. Nira is a good soccer player than I am. (comparative)
13. Sam has the good fastball on the team. (superlative)
14. Soccer is the popular sport at school. (superlative)
15. Is our pool big than yours? (comparative)
16. The Links have the bad record in the league. (superlative)



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Review and Assess

Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the underlined adjective.

1. Eddy is the swift runner in school.
2. He is the new member of the track team.
3. He has good times than anyone else on the team.
4. When we run together, he takes long strides than I do.
5. Certainly, he is the fantastic runner I have ever seen.

Write the letter of the word or words that complete each sentence.

6. A soccer ball is _____ than a football.

A rounder **C** more round
B roundest **D** most round

7. Many people claim that running is the _____ sport to learn.

A easy **C** easier
B easiest **D** most easy

8. Some people believe that lacrosse is the _____ sport of all.

A difficult **C** more difficult
B less difficult **D** most difficult

9. In my opinion, tennis is a _____ game than football.

A safe **C** safest
B safer **D** most safe

10. Did you know that a hockey puck is _____ than a baseball?

A heavy **C** heavier
B heaviest **D** heavyer

